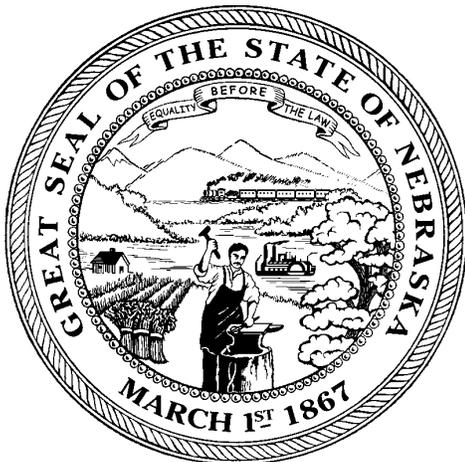


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- LR224 Interim study to examine the programs, incentives, and processes, used in other states to stimulate renewable energy projects of less than twenty megawatts that can be added without major additional transmission improvements
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- LR233 Interim study to review federal and state laws on the practice of businesses such as gas stations, hotels, or other businesses, placing holds on credit cards for more than the amount of the purchase
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Nebraska Retirement Systems
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- LR254 Interim study to examine the concept of regulating commingled acres relating to surface water and ground water
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- LR256 Interim study to reexamine the consolidation of the Dept. of Health and Human Services that occurred in 1996 with the enactment of LB1044
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- LR257 Interim study to examine the early childhood learning and development system across the state to determine how to make the current system more effective
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- LR258 Interim study to examine whether alcohol licensee employees should be certified in how to apply pertinent portions of the Nebr. Liquor Control Act
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- LR259 Interim study to examine providing for the utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds

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- LR261 Interim study to examine barriers to permanent placements for Nebraska children who have been placed out of the home and are wards of the state
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- LR262 Interim study to examine the high rate of placement of Nebraska's Native American children involved in the foster care system
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- LR263 Interim study to examine the economic impact of the film, television, and commercial industry in Nebraska
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- LR269 Interim study to examine the property tax base structure and compare this structure to those of other states
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- LR286 Interim study to review state law regarding child abuse and neglect in instances when a pregnant woman engages in an activity that causes harm to the fetus
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- LR287 Interim study to examine the requirement that counties pay court filing fees and costs when filing criminal charges and civil proceedings in the county, district, and juvenile court
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- LR288 Interim study to examine the role and value of animal health professionals and other volunteers in assisting law enforcement in carrying out duties under the Livestock Animal Welfare Act
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- LR290 Interim study to examine the feasibility of designating counties adjacent to the mandatory brand inspection area designated by 54-1109 as brand inspection service areas
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- LR291 Interim study to examine the means by which to coordinate activities by state livestock animal health authorities with the activities of local livestock cruelty and neglect authorities
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- LR292 Interim study to examine the levy authority of rural and suburban fire protection districts
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- LR319 Interim study to examine issues relating to Omaha's federally mandated combined sewer overflow project
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- LR320 Interim study to examine statutes and procedures relating to the eminent domain laws for oil pipelines and the authority of local governments to regulate oil pipelines
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- LR321 Interim study to examine statutes and procedures relating to the State of Nebraska's financial responsibility for oil pipelines
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- LR334 Interim study to identify and eliminate waste and fraud in government spending
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- LR336 Interim study to investigate methods to reduce gang violence
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- LR337 Interim study to investigate methods to attract investment capital into Nebraska to create more jobs and businesses
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- LR338 Interim study to examine issues relating to the regulation of abortion clinics
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- LR339 Interim study to examine methods to increase the export of Nebraska agricultural commodities and other Nebraska products
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Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
- LR342 Interim study to evaluate whether any types of agricultural land are being overvalued relative to their income potential
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- LR343 Interim study to examine the policy to supplement federal universal service support mechanisms and ensure all Nebraskans have comparable accessibility to telecommunications at affordable prices
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- LR345 Interim study to examine whether the Nebr. Ground Water Management and Protection Act should be amended relating to designating or determining the appropriation status of river basins
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REFERENCING AND STUDY PROCESS

Rule 4, Section 3

As a general practice, the Executive Board will refer interim study resolutions to the appropriate committees based upon subject-matter jurisdiction.

Resolutions that call for the creation of a select committee will be reviewed by the Executive Board. Depending upon the availability of staff resources, subject-matter jurisdiction, and legislator interest, the Executive Board may establish a select committee to undertake the study.

The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

Legislative rules require study resolutions be prioritized by the chairperson of the committee to which they are referred, and a report on those priorities shall be filed with the Clerk.

Rule 4, Section 3(g) of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature requires that on or before December 1 of each year, each standing and select interim committee file a report on the disposition of the study resolutions referred to them.

Rule 4, Section 8

Resolutions other than interim study resolutions shall, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislature, be referred to the Reference Committee for referencing to the appropriate committee.

(The following referral list reflects the committee prioritization of the resolutions referred to them.)

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Appropriations: Mello (C), Harms (VC), Bolz, Conrad, Kintner, Larson, Nelson, Nordquist, Wightman

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Banking, Commerce and Insurance: Gloor (C), Christensen (VC), Campbell, Carlson, Crawford, Howard, Pirsch, Schumacher

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Hansen, McGill, Wallman
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Education: Sullivan (C), Scheer (VC), Avery, Cook, Davis, K. Haar, Kolowski, Seiler

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**Study will be delegated to the introducer with committee staff available for assistance and to share expertise

Executive Board: Wightman (C), Krist (VC), Adams, Avery, Campbell, Chambers, Christensen, Karpisek, Lathrop, Mello (nonvoting ex officio)

LR307 Interim study to examine the committee and caucus structure of the Legislature
Executive Board

General Affairs: Karpisek (C), Coash (VC), Bloomfield, Johnson, Krist, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Schilz

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- LR238 Interim study to examine the Access Nebraska system, as well as the separation of the economic assistance programs from the medicaid program
Health and Human Services
- LR262 Interim study to examine the high rate of placement of Nebraska's Native American children involved in the foster care system
Health and Human Services
- LR261 Interim study to examine barriers to permanent placements for Nebraska children who have been placed out of the home and are wards of the state
Health and Human Services
- LR227 Interim study to examine issues surrounding midwifery credentialing and safety measures
Health and Human Services
- LR300 Interim study to examine the treatment and services for people dually diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental illness, or behavioral health problems
Health and Human Services
- LR209 Interim study to examine the contracts between the Dept. of Health and Human Services and provider agencies for foster care services
Health and Human Services
- LR218 Interim study to examine fetal alcohol spectrum disorders
Health and Human Services
- LR228 Interim study to examine the process by which military spouses and veterans obtain occupational licenses
Health and Human Services
- LR237 Interim study to assess the extent to which Nebraska has implemented key provisions of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008
Health and Human Services

- LR239 Interim study to examine the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Health and Human Services
- LR243 Interim study to examine the future of emergency medical services in Nebraska
Health and Human Services
- LR260 Interim study to examine existing barriers to the delivery of health care services through telehealth technologies in Nebraska
Health and Human Services
- LR270 Interim study to examine identification or creation of methods of keeping elderly Nebraskans safe in their homes where they can receive high quality care and support
Health and Human Services
- LR303 Interim study to examine issues relating to brain injuries
Health and Human Services
- LR312 Interim study to examine issues relating to the child protective services system within the Dept. of Health and Human Services
Health and Human Services
- LR256 Interim study to reexamine the consolidation of the Dept. of Health and Human Services that occurred in 1996 with the enactment of LB1044
Health and Human Services
- LR275 Interim study to examine issues relating to the behavioral and mental health needs of children in educational settings
Health and Human Services
- LR222 Interim study to gather information and make recommendations necessary for the Legislature to craft a comprehensive early learning strategy for the State of Nebraska
Health and Human Services
- LR257 Interim study to examine the early childhood learning and development system across the state to determine how to make the current system more effective
Health and Human Services
- LR143 Interim Study to examine children's day health services
Health and Human Services
- LR170 Interim study to examine the liability insurance mandate contained in the Child Care Licensing Act
Health and Human Services

- LR259 Interim study to examine providing for the utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to provide for afterschool programming for children in families that qualify for assistance
Health and Human Services
- LR297 Interim study to examine the effectiveness of telehealth technology used for behavioral health services in Nebraska
Health and Human Services
- LR327 Interim study to examine issues relating to providing storm shelters or safe rooms for residents of mobile home parks
Health and Human Services
- LR232 Interim study to examine the process of applying for and attaining health care professional licensing when the applicant has a license, education, or credentialing from states and schools outside of Nebraska
Health and Human Services

Judiciary: Ashford (C), Lathrop (VC), Chambers, Christensen, Coash, Davis, McGill, Seiler

- LR111 Interim study to explore the possibility of replicating the Delancey Street Foundation in Nebraska, which is considered one of the nation's leading self-help residential education centers for ex-convicts and former substance abusers
Judiciary
- LR313 Interim study to examine comprehensive models of response and treatment for victims of human trafficking
Judiciary
- LR277 Interim study to review the current costs associated with correctional and detention facilities in Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR278 Interim study to review matters under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee
Judiciary
- LR279 Interim study to examine the use of social impact bonds to develop programming for juveniles and adults reentering the community after involvement with the juvenile justice system or the criminal justice system
Judiciary

- LR284 Interim study to review issues relating to child custody proceedings and parenting time determinations as they pertain to families of divorce
Judiciary
- LR184 Interim study to examine the costs and benefits associated with lowering the age of majority to eighteen years of age
Judiciary
- LR207 Interim study to examine the impact of the possession, sale, trade, and distribution of shark fins in the State of Nebraska
Judiciary
- LR286 Interim study to review state law regarding child abuse and neglect in instances when a pregnant woman engages in an activity that causes harm to the fetus
Judiciary
- LR336 Interim study to investigate methods to reduce gang violence
Judiciary
- LR338 Interim study to examine issues relating to the regulation of abortion clinics
Judiciary
- LR320 Interim study to examine statutes and procedures relating to the eminent domain laws for oil pipelines and the authority of local governments to regulate oil pipelines
Judiciary
- LR287 Interim study to examine the requirement that counties pay court filing fees and costs when filing criminal charges and civil proceedings in the county, district, and juvenile court
Judiciary
- LR328 Interim study to examine methods to better protect elderly and other vulnerable Nebraskans from financial exploitation
Judiciary
- LR235 Interim study to examine the adoption process under the current safe haven law
Judiciary
- LR331 Interim study to examine stronger penalties for offenders convicted of the crime of sexual assault of a child as well as related deterrents and victim remedies
Judiciary

LR251 Interim study to examine court fees earmarked to generate revenue for the Nebraska Judges Retirement System
Judiciary

LR334 Interim study to identify and eliminate waste and fraud in government spending
Judiciary

Natural Resources: Carlson (C), Brasch (VC), Dubas, K. Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Smith

LR205 Interim study to examine the mission and financing options as authorized by current law of the Game and Parks Commission
Natural Resources

LR214 Interim study to examine Nebraska's statutes, rules, and regulations relating to the permitting process for small surface water storage reservoirs
Natural Resources

LR345 Interim study to examine whether the Nebr. Ground Water Management and Protection Act should be amended relating to designating or determining the appropriation status of river basins
Natural Resources

LR319 Interim study to examine issues relating to Omaha's federally mandated combined sewer overflow project
Natural Resources

LR302 Interim study to examine the generation of energy in Nebraska through the use of renewable energy sources and to provide a comparison with other states
Natural Resources

LR255 Interim study to examine the concept of moving surface water-only irrigated acres to ground water acres to help compliance with compacts, agreements, and decrees
Natural Resources

LR254 Interim study to examine the concept of regulating commingled acres relating to surface water and ground water
Natural Resources

LR183 Interim study to examine Nebraska's drainage statutes as they apply to drainage by neighboring landowners under section 31-201 and other related statutes
Natural Resources

- LR324 Interim study to examine and evaluate the statutory requirements on Nebraska's public power districts
Natural Resources
- LR321 Interim study to examine statutes and procedures relating to the State of Nebraska's financial responsibility for oil pipelines
Natural Resources
- LR224 Interim study to examine the programs, incentives, and processes, used in other states to stimulate renewable energy projects of less than twenty megawatts that can be added without major additional transmission improvements
Natural Resources
- LR226 Interim study to examine concerns surrounding the operation of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
Natural Resources
- LR323 Interim study to examine statutes and policies relating to increasing renewable energy development in Nebraska
Natural Resources
- LR245 Interim study to examine issues related to recycling
Natural Resources
- LR326 Interim study to examine and evaluate net metering in Nebraska
Natural Resources

Nebraska Retirement Systems: Nordquist (C), Davis (VC), Conrad, Karpisek, Kolowski, Mello

- LR198 Interim study to examine the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR191 Interim study to examine all state retirement plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR344 Interim study to provide an examination of the availability and adequacy of retirement savings of Nebraska private sector workers
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR213 Interim study to examine the college savings plans administered under the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and ways to increase plan participation
Nebraska Retirement Systems

- LR369 Interim study to conduct an analysis of guidance principles for pension divestment policy decisions
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR246 Interim study to conduct a comparison of the school employees and Class V school employees retirement plans
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR247 Interim study to examine purchase of service credits in public retirement plans
Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR248 Interim study to examine service requirements in the School Employees Retirement Act
Nebraska Retirement Systems

Revenue: Hadley (C), Schumacher (VC), Hansen, B. Harr, Janssen, McCoy, Pirsch, Sullivan

- LR342 Interim study to evaluate whether any types of agricultural land are being overvalued relative to their income potential
Revenue
- LR340 Interim study to identify the value of property taxes eliminated by all tax-increment financing and other Nebraska business tax incentive programs
Revenue
- LR269 Interim study to examine the property tax base structure and compare this structure to those of other states
Revenue
- LR389 Interim study to examine the local use of taxing powers, including occupation tax and other forms of taxation, and to examine the fiscal relationship between state and local governments
Revenue
- LR292 Interim study to examine the levy authority of rural and suburban fire protection districts
Revenue
- LR329 Interim study to examine ways the state could use tax policy to encourage more small business start-ups especially for businesses utilizing technology and innovation
Revenue
- LR263 Interim study to examine the economic impact of the film, television, and commercial industry in Nebraska
Revenue

- LR266 Interim study to identify ways in which Nebraska may support and increase venture capital investment in the state
Revenue
- LR186 Interim study to examine issues relating to enactment of a tax-credit scholarship program as contemplated by LB14, 2013
Revenue
- LR332 Interim study to examine ways the state may reduce property taxes
Revenue
- LR333 Interim study to examine ways the state may reduce income tax rates
Revenue
- LR335 Interim study to examine whether more fair and appropriate methods of agricultural land valuation can be implemented
Revenue
- LR165 Interim study to examine issues surrounding tax settlements
Revenue

Transportation and Telecommunications: Dubas (C), Smith (VC), Brasch, Hadley, Janssen, McCoy, Price, Watermeier

- LR343 Interim study to examine the policy to supplement federal universal service support mechanisms and ensure all Nebraskans have comparable accessibility to telecommunications at affordable prices
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR276 Interim study to examine the communications rate structure for persons receiving calls from incarcerated individuals in county and local correctional facilities
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR267 Interim study to review the One-Call Notification System Act
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR236 Interim study to explore methods by which to prevent increases in motor vehicle injuries and fatalities as a result of the increase in the aging population forecasts
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR299 Interim study to examine the possibility of the State of Nebraska operating and managing all activities associated with motor vehicle licensing and registration for all counties
Transportation and Telecommunications

Urban Affairs: McGill (C), Murante (VC), Ashford, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh

- LR252 Interim study to examine how amendments to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act affect existing economic development plans adopted under the act
Urban Affairs
- LR268 Interim study to examine issues surrounding new residential and commercial development and school district boundaries in our state's urban areas
Urban Affairs
- LR253 Interim study to assess the impact of Nebraska changing to a home rule state in matters of local concern
Urban Affairs
- LR189 Interim study to examine certain statutes to harmonize language, policies, and practices regarding the different classification of cities and villages
Urban Affairs
- LR190 Interim study to examine the 2012 versions of the International Residential Code, the International Building Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code to determine whether Nebraska should update the current state building code
Urban Affairs
- LR318 Interim study to examine issues relating to mass transit authorities
Urban Affairs

**RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED
DURING THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
CALLING FOR STUDIES BY SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee: Lathrop (C), Harms (VC), Bolz, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Wallman

LR20 Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee
Special Committee

Study of Nebraska Health Care Reform: Campbell, Carlson, Christensen, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Pirsch, Schumacher, Watermeier

LR22 Provide the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee be designated to convene a Partnership Towards Nebraska's Health Care System Transformation
Special Committee

Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee: Avery, Bolz, Campbell, Coash, Crawford, Dubas, McGill, Nordquist, Pirsch

LR31 Provide the Executive Board appoint the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee as a special committee
Special Committee

Tax Modernization Committee: Hadley (C), Bolz, Campbell, Hansen, Harms, B. Harr, Janssen, McCoy, Mello, Nordquist, Pirsch, Schilz, Schumacher, Sullivan

LR155 Create the Tax Modernization Committee as a special legislative committee
Special Committee

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

WHEREAS, the One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, 2008, adopted Legislative Resolution 283 to establish the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. The committee was then reauthorized by the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009, in Legislative Resolution 11, by the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session, 2011, in Legislative Resolution 47, and by the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session, 2012, in Legislative Resolution 365. The committee was authorized to study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, investigate the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska, and determine how and why such services to the developmentally disabled were permitted to decline to the level documented in the United States Department of Justice report; and

WHEREAS, the committee issued a report of its findings and recommendations on December 15, 2008. Among other findings, the committee concluded that the state was likely to lose its federal medicaid funding for the Beatrice State Developmental Center, that various improvements needed to be made to the community-based programs, and that the developmental disability waiting list included 1,865 families who, absent some change in direction by the State of Nebraska, would remain on the waiting list indefinitely. The committee also made various recommendations for improvement of services to the developmentally disabled in the State of Nebraska. Those recommendations related not only to improvements at the Beatrice State Developmental Center but also to community-based programs as well as the provision of services to the developmentally disabled individuals who would otherwise sit indefinitely on the state's waiting lists. To ensure that the recommendations of the committee would be implemented, the committee recommended that the Legislature continue oversight of these issues: "The LR 283 Committee should be reauthorized at the beginning of the next legislative session. This investigative committee should work with the Health and Human Services Committee to ensure that the terms of the DOJ Consent Decree as well as the recommendations herein are implemented in a timely fashion."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and reappoint the special committee of the Legislature known as the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the executive board. The executive board shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee with consideration being given to reappointing the current chairperson and vice-chairperson. The executive board is hereby authorized

to provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff. The executive board is also authorized to hire outside legal counsel, consultants, and investigators as required by the committee. The committee shall be an investigative committee and is hereby authorized to hold hearings and issue subpoenas as is deemed necessary by the committee.

2. The Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to continue to study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center. The committee shall also continue to investigate the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska, including the determination of whether adequate funding and capacity exists for persons to be served in the community, options for service provisions for current residents of the Beatrice State Developmental Center at other twenty-four-hour care facilities in the state, and the staffing practices at twenty-four-hour care facilities and the relationship of those practices to the quality of care provided to the developmentally disabled. The committee shall also review the processes of how the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services determines eligibility for services for individuals who are in need of services, as well as the processes utilized by the division to determine when individuals who have received services by the division are no longer eligible for such services. The committee shall also provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the United States Department of Justice Consent Decree and the recommendations from the Report of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee dated December 15, 2008, are implemented in a timely fashion.

3. The Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature shall issue a report with its findings as the circumstances warrant.

4. The Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to continue its work until the beginning of the One Hundred Fourth Legislature, First Session.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22. Introduced by Campbell, 25; Gloor, 35.

WHEREAS, spending on health care in the United States has grown faster than the gross domestic product (GDP), the rate of inflation, and the rate of population growth for most of the last four decades; and

WHEREAS, the share of GDP devoted to health care in the United States has risen from 5.2% in 1960 to 17.6% in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the total public and private health care expenditure in Nebraska in 2009 was \$12,649,000,000; and

WHEREAS, since 2000 real hourly wage growth, net of health benefits, has stagnated while inflation-adjusted family health insurance premiums have increased 58%; and

WHEREAS, the average employer-based health insurance annual premium cost in Nebraska in 2011 was \$13,776; and

WHEREAS, eleven of Nebraska's ninety-three counties have no primary care physicians, and observers believe the lack of primary care physicians will become more acute as more people enter the health care system as a result of the federal Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, officials estimate that, under current demand, Nebraska will be short approximately three hundred primary care physicians by 2014. The number of physicians older than sixty-five years of age has jumped by 78% in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated by the University of Nebraska Medical Center that by 2014 the state will need at least 1,685 primary care physicians, 314 primary care nurse practitioners, and 350 primary care physician assistants to meet the increased demand from the newly insured resulting from health care reform; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's uninsured rate for persons younger than sixty-five years of age is 14.9% (more than 232,000), which is an increase of 67.4% since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska counties with uninsured rates of 21% or greater exist only in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's future economic and fiscal success requires a healthy population, high quality health care at lower cost, and greater efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's families and small businesses are faced with increasing and unsustainable health care costs; and

WHEREAS, successful transformation of Nebraska's health care system is essential to the state's economic well-being and the quality of care provided to Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, health care reform is not only a matter of coverage or increasing access. True reform is total system transformation into a patient-centric, high-value enterprise; and

WHEREAS, understanding the challenge of health care reform and solving Nebraska's health care system crisis requires a new level of cooperation between all health care partner stakeholders and policymakers in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, state government must provide clear leadership and accountability to health care system transformation efforts and must do so in a way that demands transparency, trust, and full participation from all partner stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in cooperation with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, be designated to develop policy recommendations towards transformation of Nebraska's health care system.

2. In order to develop its policy recommendations, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in cooperation with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, shall bring together through information-gathering meetings and work groups partner stakeholders at all levels, including state and local governments, public and

private insurers, health care delivery organizations, employers, specialty societies, consumer groups, patients, consumers, and all other interested parties, to work together with the shared objectives of controlling health care costs and improving health care quality.

3. With input from partner stakeholders and in conjunction with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall:

- a. Provide a comprehensive review of Nebraska's health care delivery, cost, and coverage demands;
- b. Engage stakeholders in dialogue, roundtable discussions, and public policy discourse;
- c. Develop a framework for health care system transformation to meet public health, workforce, delivery, and budgetary responsibilities; and
- d. Develop cooperative strategies and initiatives for the design, implementation, and accountability of services to improve care, quality, and value while advancing the overall health of Nebraskans.

4. The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may conduct public hearings and, with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, make recommendations relating to health care for Nebraskans. The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall hold a joint hearing by November 1, 2013, to discuss the information obtained pursuant to this resolution.

5. The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, along with any work groups created pursuant to this resolution, shall rely on information, data, and subject matter expertise and consultation from a wide range of entities, including the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance, and any other agencies the committees identify, to provide collaboration with the committees and any such work groups to attain the goals for health care system transformation.

6. The funding of the activities of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature under this resolution will be provided from existing appropriations for the committee from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31. Introduced by Campbell, 25; Avery, 28; Coash, 27; Dubas, 34; McGill, 26; Pirsch, 4.

WHEREAS, in 2009, in response to Nebraska's lack of behavioral health services for children and families, the Legislature passed LB 603, which enacted the Children and Family Behavioral Health Support Act and the Behavioral Health Workforce Act. The legislation created several programs intended to help families who were faced with children's behavioral health problems, including the Children and Family Support Hotline, the Family Navigator Program, and the post-adoption and post-guardianship assistance program (known as Right Turn). In addition to these new programs, LB 603 expanded existing programs, including the Professional Partner Programs in

the state's six behavioral health regions. LB 603 also created the Behavioral Health Education Center, administered by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, to increase the number of behavioral healthcare practitioners in Nebraska. To monitor the effect of implementation of this legislation, LB 603 created the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature as a special committee of the Legislature. The committee was also charged with monitoring other child welfare and juvenile justice initiatives by the Department of Health and Human Services related to the provision of behavioral health services to children and their families; and

WHEREAS, LB 603 provided that the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature, and the section of statute which created it (71-827), would terminate on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Legislature passed and Governor Heineman signed LB 821, which created the Nebraska Children's Commission, charged with creating a system-wide strategic plan for child welfare, reviewing Department of Health and Human Services' operations regarding child welfare, and providing a permanent forum for state, local, and community collaboration on child welfare; and

WHEREAS, though no longer provided for by statute, the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature warrants a one-year extension to transition its oversight to the Nebraska Children's Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature as a special committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of nine members of the Legislature appointed by the executive board as follows: (a) Two members of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature; (b) two members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature; (c) two members of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature; and (d) three members of the Legislature who are not members of such committees. The executive board shall give consideration to appointing members who previously served on the Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members.

2. The Children's Behavior Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to monitor programs implemented by the Children and Family Behavioral Health Support Act and other child welfare and juvenile justice initiatives implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services related to the provision of behavioral health services to children and their families. The committee shall meet as necessary with representatives of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Nebraska Children's Commission and with other interested parties. The committee

also may hold public hearings. Staff support for the committee shall be provided by existing legislative staff as directed by the executive board. The committee may request the executive board to hire consultants that the committee deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the committee.

3. The Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature shall issue reports as the circumstances warrant.

4. The Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to continue its work until the beginning of the One Hundred Third Legislature, Second Session, to provide an orderly transition of its oversight to the Nebraska Children's Commission.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 111. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to explore the possibility of replicating the Delancey Street Foundation in Nebraska. Delancey Street is considered one of the nation's leading self-help residential education centers for ex-convicts and former substance abusers.

This study should examine Delancey Street replications across the country and seek and consider input from Delancey Street, the Department of Correctional Services, the Department of Labor, drug and alcohol counselors, chambers of commerce, and other interested persons and organizations. The ultimate goal of the study is to create a strategic plan for replicating Delancey Street in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143. Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study of children's day health services, the care and support that children's day health services provide to families with children who have multiple disabilities, and the manner in which the services provided should be reimbursed and supported by the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The nature and extent of children's day health services in Nebraska;
- (2) How children's day health services work as an alternative to institutional care;
- (3) The value of children's day health services in keeping families together, allowing parents to have careers, and achieving a reasonable quality of life;

(4) How children's day health services are reimbursed and the advantages and disadvantages of combining the current piecemeal method of reimbursing children's day health services; and

(5) How children's day health services are reimbursed in other states where the same or similar services are offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155. Introduced by Chambers, 11; Schumacher, 22.

WHEREAS, the economy is continually changing, creating the need to continually review and update the state's tax laws; and

WHEREAS, state, county, and other local tax policies are interdependent, and a study should be undertaken of possible consequences when adjustments are made to state tax laws; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such a study is to review and evaluate the state's tax laws regarding, but not limited to, sales and use taxes, income taxes, property taxes, and other miscellaneous taxes and credits and incentives; and

WHEREAS, community discourse and involvement are essential to the success of a study, and the public shall be provided with opportunities to be engaged in a variety of ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. The Tax Modernization Committee is created as a special legislative committee and shall comprise:

- (a) The members of the Revenue Committee;
- (b) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee;
- (c) The chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee;
- (d) The chairperson of the Education Committee;
- (e) The chairperson of the Agriculture Committee;
- (f) The chairperson of the Legislature's Planning Committee; and
- (g) Two other members of the Legislature selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

2. The chairperson of the Revenue Committee shall serve as the chairperson of the Tax Modernization Committee, which shall meet as often as is deemed necessary in order to accomplish the objectives enumerated in this resolution. At least one meeting shall be held concurrently with a meeting of the Legislative Council convened by the chairperson of the Executive Board.

3. The Tax Modernization Committee shall consider, but not be limited to, the following elements:

(a) Fairness. In order to formulate an equitable system of taxation, the committee shall review and analyze the tax burden created by sales and use taxes, income taxes, property taxes, and other miscellaneous taxes imposed on families, businesses, and sectors of industry within the state;

(b) Competitiveness. Any modification of the tax system should be designed to ensure that such modification in no way impedes or restricts the state's ability to attract well-paying jobs and investment while keeping and protecting existing jobs and businesses. The committee also shall review and analyze how the state compares to other states with reference to taxes imposed on businesses and identify ways to enhance business competitiveness;

(c) Simplicity and compliance. The tax system should be easy to understand and comply with. The committee shall formulate recommendations designed to ensure ease of compliance for individuals and businesses and efficient administration by the state;

(d) Stability. A stable tax system generates revenue that is relatively dependable and not prone to unpredictable fluctuations. The committee shall ensure that any recommended changes will maintain or improve stability;

(e) Adequacy. The tax modernization process should create a tax system that generates adequate revenue to fund essential state services and obligations. The tax structure should ensure that revenue will meet spending needs; and

(f) Complementary tax systems. Updating of the tax system should address the interrelationships among tax systems within the state revenue system as a whole.

4. The Tax Modernization Committee shall examine previous studies, including but not limited to, the Tax Policy Reform Commission from 2005 to 2007 and the comprehensive tax study conducted by Syracuse University from 1986 to 1988 and ascertain findings and recommendations contained in the studies that can be of assistance to the committee in carrying out its charge under this resolution.

5. The Tax Modernization Committee may require any state agency or political subdivision to provide information relevant to the committee's work, and the state agency or political subdivision shall provide the information requested within thirty days after the request. The committee may hold public hearings and, pursuant to section 50-406 and the rules of the Legislature, may exercise its authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, and cause depositions of witnesses to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the district court.

6. The Tax Modernization Committee shall issue a report to the Executive Board and to the Governor not later than December 15, 2013, containing any recommendations to update state, county and local tax policies, and proposed language for any needed legislation. The report to the Legislature shall be submitted electronically. The committee shall identify areas requiring further study and analysis.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 165. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding tax settlements. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Current statutes and Department of Revenue rules and regulations governing tax settlements;
- (2) Policies and procedures within the Department of Revenue in determining whether to settle tax cases; and
- (3) Implementation of Laws 2011, LB 642, which allows the Department of Revenue to contract with private vendors to help enforce existing tax laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the creation of revolving funds to finance energy conservation measures in Nebraska K-12 school districts. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The potential financial, environmental, and educational benefits of such revolving funds;
- (2) Any similar revolving funds currently being utilized in higher education and elsewhere;
- (3) The potential impact of such revolving funds on state aid funding through the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; and
- (4) Existing funding sources for energy conservation measures that could be leveraged in conjunction with such revolving funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 167. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding personal identifying information collected by state and local governments

and private businesses. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Data disposal laws in other states, including whether such laws apply to government agencies, private businesses, or both;
- (2) Data disposal requirements in existing federal law; and
- (3) Standards used in other state and federal data disposal laws regarding what type of data must be disposed of and the manner of such disposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 170. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the liability insurance mandate contained in the Child Care Licensing Act. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The nature and extent of family child care home I day care centers in Nebraska;
- (2) How liability insurance premiums are calculated and factors that insurance companies consider when developing liability insurance premiums for family child care home I day care centers;
- (3) The cost of obtaining and maintaining liability insurance by such centers in terms of costs of premiums and any required facility improvements to minimize liability risk;
- (4) The effect of the liability insurance mandate on the home day care market, particularly in the affordable day care market; and
- (5) Any other related topics the committee deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175. Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Coash, 27; Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the craft brewery industry in Nebraska to develop potential tax policy and statutory law to

encourage growth of the craft beer industry in the state. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Self-distribution as a method of providing access to market, increasing consumer choice, and improving viability of new brewery startups;
- (2) Comparability and equity of the Nebraska excise tax on craft beer;
- (3) Establishment of a craft beer checkoff program to support and promote Nebraska craft breweries;
- (4) Truth in product labeling; and
- (5) Development of Nebraska-grown ingredients including hops for Nebraska breweries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181. Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by Education Committee: Sullivan, 41, Chairperson; Avery, 28; Cook, 13; Davis, 43; K. Haar, 21; Kolowski, 31; Scheer, 19; Seiler, 33.

PURPOSE: To study alternatives for the financing and delivery of public early childhood, elementary, and secondary education in Nebraska. This study shall coordinate with any legislative study of the Nebraska tax system conducted during 2013 and shall seek input from school districts, taxpayers, students, parents, teachers, educational service units, the State Board of Education, and other experts and interested parties on the issues of financing, costs, and the delivery of education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183. Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska's drainage statutes as they apply to drainage by neighboring landowners under section 31-201 and other related statutes. While much of the law governing landowner drainage disputes has been developed by the Nebraska courts, statutory drainage laws also play an important role in these matters. Statutes relating to drainage by neighboring landowners were passed in 1911 and have not seen any statutory changes made to them since that time. This study shall evaluate and determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the current statutory scheme and examine the potential for improvements, including the costs and benefits of requiring a petition or hearing process before the construction of new open ditches or tile drains or before any changes are made to current drainage systems by neighboring landowners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Larson, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the costs and benefits associated with lowering the age of majority to eighteen years of age. Nebraska's current age of majority is nineteen years old with exceptions to allow minors who are eighteen years old to enter into contracts and leases and make their own health care decisions with parental consent. This study shall determine which statutes would be affected by lowering the age of majority, and evaluate which statutes should keep the current age of majority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues related to enactment of a tax-credit scholarship program as contemplated by LB 14, which was introduced in 2013 and referred to the Revenue Committee. Twelve states now have tax-credit scholarship programs in place: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Georgia, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia. Parental choice in education is in itself a basic human good, and parental choice in education is a cherished freedom that is widely available, widely practiced, and supported by public policy but only for families with sufficient means to live near a desirable public school or to pay tuition for private education. It is in the best interest of Nebraska to expand quality educational opportunities for all of its children. Nebraskans deserve educational policies and structures that will enable all parents, not just those that are financially fortunate, to choose the school that will best help them to fulfill their responsibility to their children. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The opportunities that would be created by the Elementary and Secondary Educational Opportunity Act tax-credit in Nebraska and the fiscal impact of such a program;
- (2) Enrollment patterns in public and private schools;
- (3) Recent trends in private school attrition rates and their related economic factors;
- (4) The possibility of passage of a Pennsylvania-style blended public-private tax-credit program;
- (5) The regulatory impact on public and private schools; and
- (6) The potential cost savings for state and local taxpayers and the State of Nebraska by enacting a tax-credit scholarship program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187. Introduced by B. Harr, 8; Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska's business entity statutes should be updated. In particular, the study should include a review of Nebraska's Business Corporation Act and the Model Business Corporation Act as approved and promulgated by the Corporate Laws Committee of the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, on which the Nebraska act is based, in order to consider whether Nebraska should adopt changes made in the model act by the American Bar Association since 1995 when the current version of the Nebraska act was adopted.

In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Secretary of State and should consider the input of interested persons, including the practicing bar, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues relating to the implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, as it pertains to Nebraska, including establishment and operation of a health insurance exchange through which qualified health plans are to be offered to Nebraskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine chapters 14 through 19 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska to harmonize language, policies, and practices, as appropriate, regarding the different classifications of cities and villages in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 190. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the 2012 versions of the International Residential Code, the International Building Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code to determine whether the Legislature should update the current state building code to the 2012 versions of these codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191. Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study all state retirement plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the Nebraska Judges Retirement System.

The study will examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, effectiveness and efficiency, and the overall administration of each retirement system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study conducting elections by mail. In 2005, the Legislature passed a bill to allow counties with less than 7,000 inhabitants to conduct elections by mail after making application to the Secretary of State. In 2009, that number was increased to the current level of counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants. In 2013, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee considered LB 292 which would expand the number of counties eligible for conducting elections by mail to counties with less than 20,000 inhabitants.

The issues to be examined by this study will include reviewing how other states are conducting elections by mail, the benefits and drawbacks to

all-mail elections, and whether allowing only certain precincts in the state to conduct elections by mail raises any constitutional questions. Representatives of the Secretary of State's office and county officials, along with other interested parties, shall be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 193. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the role of political parties in the election process. In 2013, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee considered LB 450 which sought to clarify the role of the county clerk or election commissioner when a political party decides to caucus to elect delegates to the county convention. LB 450 raised larger questions about the role of political parties in the election system and, specifically, whether state law should be changed to allow political parties more discretion to operate through their own rules.

The issues to be examined by this study will include how political parties elect delegates to national conventions, how political parties should conduct county and state postprimary conventions, and how state law should be changed to provide clarity when a political party holds a caucus instead of a primary. Representatives of the Secretary of State's office and the political parties, along with other interested parties, shall be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: To examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 198. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Davis, 43; Kolowski, 31; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the public employees retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the Nebraska Judges Retirement System. The study may also examine the Class V School Employees Retirement System administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The study will examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and the administration of each retirement system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study resolution is to acquire additional information, including financial requirements, regarding the state's efforts to establish a statewide virtual/digital educational system. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the need, potential, and current plans for the following:

(1) Organizing Nebraska assets and resources to establish a statewide virtual/digital education initiative;

(2) Developing a plan and budget for state support of online high school courses including short and long-term objectives;

(3) Establishing a single statewide virtual education resources web site;

(4) Developing course content and organizing content and professional development, and enhancing statewide equity of access;

(5) Establishing a clearinghouse of activities as well as information and links to existing resources;

(6) Establishing a budget and cost allocation system for a statewide system;

(7) Establishing a process to evaluate new courses and establishing a digital library with digital media content management, scheduling, and repository; and

(8) Establishing appropriate roles and responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations and Education Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 201. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine policy options available to the State of Nebraska to support military installations, military families, and veterans and their families. Veterans returning from conflicts face mental and physical health challenges. Military families face unique challenges such as multiple placements, trailing spouses, long deployments, and reintegration challenges. Military installations require strong partnerships with state and local governments. State policies to address these challenges vary from state to state.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, state policies to support military installations in the state, and veteran reintegration supports and policies that are friendly to military families and their unique concerns. The study should include both a comprehensive and comparative study of policies that address these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issue of election day registration. Eight states plus the District of Columbia presently offer election day registration, allowing any qualified resident to go to the polls or election official's office on election day to register that day and then vote. Another three states have enacted election day registration but have not yet implemented it. Over the last two bienniums, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee has heard several bills on the topic of election day registration, but no bill has ever been advanced to the full Legislature.

The issues to be examined by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Whether it is more appropriate to have a citizen register and vote on election day at the polling site or at the county clerk or election commissioner's office;

(2) What type of identification is necessary for citizens who wish to register and vote on election day; and

(3) How other states are implementing and using election day registration.

Representatives of the Secretary of State's office and county officials, along with other interested parties, shall be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 205. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: This resolution is to study the mission and financing options as authorized by current law of the Game and Parks Commission. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Annual funding, including General Fund appropriations, grants, hunting and fishing permit fees, and park entrance permit fees;

(2) The scope and status of all deferred maintenance projects;

(3) The scope and status of all projects to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

(4) The direct and indirect economic impact of annual state park attendance to the state; and

(5) A possible combination of future funding mechanisms such as adjusted park entrance fees, opt-in or opt-out fees, and voluntary contribution fees.

Based on these findings, the study committee shall make a recommendation with respect to the Game and Parks Commission and funding issues brought forth in LB 362, which was introduced in 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 206. Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the school breakfast program. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Current availability of the school breakfast program and participation rates;
- (2) Barriers to participation, establishment, expansion, and maintenance of school breakfast programs;
- (3) The impact of school breakfast on students;
- (4) Models for increasing access to school breakfast;
- (5) The potential for public-private partnerships in school breakfast programs; and
- (6) Any other related topics the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Ashford, 20; B. Harr, 8; McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the impact of the possession, sale, trade, and distribution of shark fins in the State of Nebraska. Data from federal and international agencies show a decline in shark populations worldwide. The practice of shark finning, where a shark is caught, its fins cut off, and the carcass dumped back into the water, causes tens of millions of sharks to die each year. These sharks either starve to death, are slowly eaten by other fish, or suffocate because most sharks need to keep moving to force water through their gills for oxygen. Shark species are very susceptible to decline because they are slow to reach reproductive maturity and they bear small litters. Sharks occupy the top of the marine food chain, and their decline is an urgent problem that upsets the balance of species in ocean ecosystems and negatively affects other fisheries. Such decline constitutes a serious threat to the ocean ecosystem and biodiversity. The sale, trade, and distribution of shark fins in Nebraska helps drive the practice of shark finning which exacerbates the decline of the shark population and the risk of extinction. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of consumer demand for shark fins in Nebraska and the potential impact of a ban on the possession, sale, trade, and distribution of shark fins in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by Kolowski, 31; Hadley, 37; Hansen, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study security in the public schools. The study shall include an examination and assessment of the following:

- (1) The risks for violence in Nebraska public schools;
- (2) The adequacy of current security measures in Nebraska public schools;
- (3) An estimate of the costs for school districts to undertake security measures to address reasonably foreseeable risks;
- (4) An estimate of the financial capacity of school districts to undertake needed security measures to address reasonably foreseeable risks of violence in the public schools, including consideration of the constraints on public school budgets under statutory limitations on school district budget authority, and the constraints on school district levy authority under statutory limitations; and
- (5) Any other issues related to security in the public schools that the study committee deems important.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education and Revenue Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the contracts between the Department of Health and Human Services and provider agencies for foster care services. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The structure of the result-based accountability portion of the contracts;
- (2) Specific outcomes expected to be achieved by providers;
- (3) Tools used to measure outcomes;
- (4) How progress is measured during contract periods;
- (5) The protocol when expected outcomes are not achieved;
- (6) The level of communication between the department and provider agencies necessary to achieve success; and

(7) The parity of contracts, accountability, and evaluation among provider agencies and foster parents contracting directly with the department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and define the need for increased access to, and the costs of, quality expanded learning opportunities for K-12 children in Nebraska, focusing primarily on at-risk children. In conducting this study, the study committee shall consult with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, individual school districts, community learning centers, community-based organizations, the State Department of Education, teachers, parents, children, and any other interested organization or individual. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of the following:

- (1) The definition of quality expanded learning opportunities;
- (2) The effectiveness of expanded learning opportunities on student achievement;
- (3) The definition and number of at-risk students in Nebraska;
- (4) The use of data to identify at-risk students at every grade level;
- (5) Best practices by current expanded learning opportunity programs both in Nebraska and other states;
- (6) An estimate of the costs for Nebraska to adopt these best practices statewide;
- (7) An examination of funding sources to maintain and support a statewide expansion of expanded learning opportunities; and
- (8) Any other issues related to expanded learning opportunities that the study committee deems important.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine an allowance or aid component within the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) for recognizing the costs of school districts that encourage teachers to improve their skills and knowledge in order to increase student achievement. The study may include, but is not limited to, the following knowledge and skill enhancements:

- (1) Attaining an advanced degree in their subject area field;
- (2) Attaining an endorsement in a teacher shortage area;
- (3) Attaining credentials to teach advanced placement courses;
- (4) Attaining credentials to teach in the international baccalaureate program;
- (5) Attaining credentials to qualify as a master teacher pursuant to section 79-8,128;
- (6) Attaining credentials to teach dual enrollment courses established by a school district and an accredited 19 postsecondary educational institution located in Nebraska;
- (7) Attaining an endorsement to teach courses in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; and
- (8) Attaining the skills to teach courses in distance education.

The study will also address the effectiveness of using the equalization component of TEEOSA, the teacher education allowance, as the means to promote a policy to improve teacher skills and knowledge versus providing support through TEEOSA as a categorical program available to all school districts, whether receiving equalization aid or not. The study will also include any other related topics the study committee deems appropriate or necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 213. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the college savings plans administered under the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and ways to increase plan participation. In conducting this study, the study committee shall consult with the State Treasurer, the plan administrator, First National Bank of Omaha, and other interested parties. Issues considered by the study committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Current plan participation rates and the demographics of plan participants with regard to family income, race, gender, geographic location, and other variables;

- (2) Fees currently assessed on plan participants and the use of those fees;
- (3) Strategies for raising awareness and encouraging plan participation, especially among lower income families; and
- (4) The relationship between educational savings and the likelihood of pursuing a higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 214. Introduced by Carlson, 38.

PURPOSE: To study Nebraska's statutes and rules and regulations relating to the permitting process for small surface water storage reservoirs. This study shall include an examination of the Department of Natural Resources' enforcement of the law and whether modifications to the relevant statutes are required to ensure that the rights and duties of landowners are well-defined.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 215. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the enforcement and servicing of real estate loans secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other security instrument should be governed solely by state and federal law and not subject to local laws or ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the provisions of the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act to determine if revisions should be made in the amount of, or the manner in which, funds available for investment by the state investment officer are deposited in banks, capital stock financial institutions, or qualifying mutual financial institutions, to enhance local lending activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 218. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: To study fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) in Nebraska, including terminology and definitions, how FASDs are caused, how they can be prevented, if and how they are treated, their prevalence, and their economic impact. The study shall seek information from resources including, but not limited to, Nebraska state agencies and behavioral health regions, physicians, judges, behavioral health practitioners, researchers, teachers, substance abuse treatment professionals, other states, and federal agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues relating to student financial aid programs. The study will focus on the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program, the Access College Early Scholarship Program, and institutional tuition waiver and tuition remission programs administered by the public colleges and universities in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) How state-sponsored and public institution-sponsored financial aid programs assist the state in meeting the Nebraska P-16 goals;

(2) Whether students in all sectors of higher education should be eligible for need-based aid from the primary state need-based aid program;

(3) Whether students who are not residents of Nebraska who attend public sector institutions in the state are paying a fair share of the Nebraska taxpayer subsidized costs of their education; and

(4) Whether the amount of state dollars for need-based aid should be increased as a percentage of state dollars appropriated for support of higher education in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee and Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study different aspects of the state's wellness program (Wellness Options). The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The feasibility study of the wellness program, its goals and objectives, and statutory implications;

(2) The cost of the wellness program;

(3) The utilization of the wellness program versus the state's other health plan options including a medical claims analysis; and

(4) The cost savings to wellness program participants and to the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to gather information and make recommendations necessary for the Legislature to craft a comprehensive early learning strategy for the State of Nebraska. This study shall focus on effective state efforts to create and implement programming for infant-toddler and pre-Kindergarten learners. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Nebraska's programming for infant-toddler and pre-Kindergarten learners and their families, including education programs and strategies that strengthen parents as first teachers;

(2) Nebraska's strengths and resources in education and health and human service programs and any existing gaps;

(3) Programs in states that have effective universal early learning strategies;

(4) Other states' strategies to effectively harness funds from a variety of sources, including the Illinois Early Childhood Block Grant program, and how Nebraska could fund such a comprehensive strategy;

(5) Input from public and private stakeholders in early childhood education, human services, and public health;

(6) Any other information that the study committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 223. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding open data policies. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Current government data policies at the state and municipal level;

(2) Formatting of government data in Nebraska, including whether such formats are easily accessible to the public;

(3) Potential economic benefits of making government data more accessible to entrepreneurs, researchers, and other members of the public; and

(4) Appropriate safeguards to ensure that privacy, confidentiality, and security concerns relating to government data are addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 224. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and evaluate the programs, incentives, and processes used in other states to stimulate renewable energy projects of less than twenty megawatts that can be added without major additional transmission improvements. This study shall include what data is available and needed from private and public power utilities on transmission capacity, what processes and programs are used by the various states to add and encourage the adding of renewable generation into the existing infrastructure, the process and protocol used by the Southwest Power Pool for renewable energy projects under twenty megawatts, identifying what new information may need to be collected, and establishing a process for providing the available unused transmission information in a cost effective way that encourages renewable generation and economic development in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226. Introduced by Brasch, 16; Bloomfield, 17; Dubas, 34; Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study concerns surrounding the operation of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District (Papio-Missouri NRD). This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Whether the NRD is accomplishing its statutory objective which is to provide effective coordination, planning, development, and general management of areas which have related resources problems;

(2) Whether the agricultural interests in the Papio-Missouri NRD currently receive fair and adequate representation on the board;

(3) Whether the needs of agricultural stakeholders are being met by the current budget priorities of the Papio-Missouri NRD;

(4) What must be done statutorily to accomplish 3-to-1 board representation or the formation of a new natural resources district for the rural portion of the existing Papio-Missouri NRD;

(5) How 3-to-1 board representation of the rural portion of the existing district would affect the Papio-Missouri NRD;

(6) What fiscal impact would the formation of a new natural resources district have on the Papio-Missouri NRD if Washington, Burt, Thurston, and Dakota Counties created their own natural resources district; and

(7) Whether the interests of agricultural and recreational stakeholders in the rural portions of the Papio-Missouri NRD would be better served by

increased board representation or the formation of a new natural resources district.

To carry out the purposes of this resolution, the study committee shall consult with the board, staff, and contractors of the Papio-Missouri NRD, the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, water use associations, landowners, water users, agricultural interests, and other associations and stakeholders with an interest in the management of natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227. Introduced by K. Haar, 21; Howard, 9; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding midwifery credentialing and safety measures. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Other states' requirements for midwifery credentialing required to perform home births;

(2) Other states' requirements for midwifery homebirth safety measures;

(3) Other states' requirements for emergency response plans; and

(4) Any other issues that the study committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the process by which military spouses and veterans obtain occupational licenses and determine what policy changes, if any, the State of Nebraska should implement to streamline occupational licensing for military spouses who are transferring licenses across state lines, and for service members leaving the military who seek to transfer their military training and skills to civilian occupations.

Veterans, especially veterans who have served since September 11, 2001, have unemployment rates higher than the state and national average. This is despite the fact that service members have extensive military training and

experience to offer as potential employees. Studies by the Department of Defense suggest that as many as thirty-five percent of military spouses hold jobs that require occupational licenses or certification. In one survey, nearly forty percent of active duty military spouses indicated that streamlined state-to-state licensure portability would have helped them in their latest move. This study will include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The history of occupational licensure for military spouses and veterans in Nebraska;

(2) Licensing portability and reciprocity for service members and spouses holding Emergency Medical Technician/Emergency Medical Services (EMT/EMS), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), and Physician's Assistant (PA) licenses;

(3) Any barriers to licensing portability and reciprocity for service members and military spouses that are specific to Nebraska or specific to these populations; and

(4) Best practices in other states regarding licensing portability and reciprocity for service members and military spouses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: Nebraska has workforce shortages in multiple health care professions and needs to take advantage of every resource available to appropriately fill those shortages. The purpose of this resolution is to study the process of applying for and attaining health care professional licensing when the applicant has a license, education, or credentialing from states and schools outside of Nebraska. The issues to be studied shall include license reciprocity of health care professionals, reactivating a license of a health care professional, documentation or validation issues that may arise in the application process, and other issues that may create delays or refusal of an application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 233. Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: When a customer makes a purchase by credit card or debit card at a business such as a gas station, hotel, restaurant, or other business where the total bill is not immediately known, the business often places a hold on the card for more than the amount of the purchase. The hold can be significantly higher than the final total of the bill and can remain on the account for two to three days, or even longer. This makes the funds in the customer's account inaccessible until the hold is lifted and that is a problem for many Nebraskans who live on a tight budget and may need those funds immediately for necessary items.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A review of federal and state laws and rules and regulations currently in place on this subject;
- (2) Testimony by constituents and businesses who are affected by these laws, rules, and regulations; and
- (3) Possible solutions that would help customers have access to their funds when they need it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234. Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study ways to assist in the development of budget, revenue, and fiscal note projections through comprehensive and targeted economic or demographic evaluations that are conducted in order to enhance policy decision making and long-range planning to ensure a balanced state budget. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) The best practices across the country regarding the development of fiscal notes and budget projections in order to improve the transparency, quality, and ultimately the understanding of these important projections needed for sound policy decisions and robust public debate;
- (2) What steps should be taken to improve the transparency and understanding of the conclusions and methodology behind these projections; and
- (3) Whether a consensus-based model, such as Florida's consensus estimating conference, would improve short and long-term projections, or the conclusions drawn from such projections, and if any components of Florida's comprehensive system could be adopted to improve Nebraska's current system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 235. Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: The safe haven law adopted in 2008 (Laws 2008, LB 157) made it legal to leave a child in the custody of an on-duty employee at a hospital licensed by the state and required that the hospital then promptly contact the appropriate authorities to take custody of the child. Later in 2008 a special session was called to amend the law to limit the age for application under the safe haven law to abandoned children thirty days old or younger (Laws 2008, First Spec. Sess., LB 1). Three safe haven child abandonment cases have occurred in the state since that time.

The adoption process can be lengthy, cumbersome, and expensive in court litigation costs. Under the current safe haven law, six months must pass before parental rights can be terminated based upon proof of abandonment and before an adoption petition can be filed in the juvenile court. The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine if the adoption process can be expedited, whether a distinction can be made between abandonment and willfully handing a child over to the state, and if a safe haven adoption can be facilitated through a less cumbersome process under foster care adoption. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The intent of the safe haven law and relation to its current application in the state;

(2) The circumstances and disposition of those safe haven cases which have occurred in the state since enactment of the amended law;

(3) Anonymity requirements on birth certificates and whether the Department of Health and Human Services can relinquish those birth certificates with or without a court order from the adoptive parents;

(4) Assessment of the abandonment and termination of parental rights process and the six-month period prior to filing for legal adoption;

(5) Comparison of foster care adoption procedures with adoptive parent procedures under current law; and

(6) Whether there should be an appropriate notification process and time frame for adoption cases arising under the safe haven law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236. Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: In 1990 there were 223,068 Nebraska citizens age 65 and older. By 2020, it is projected there will be approximately 323,620 Nebraskans age 65 and older, and 411,527 Nebraskans age 65 and older by 2030. These population projections are based on an increasingly aging population due to advances in medicine, science, and technology which combine to enhance the quality of life and longevity. The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to explore methods by which to prevent increases in motor vehicle injuries and fatalities due to these aging population forecasts. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The type and scope of tests available for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a screening tool to detect medical impairments, including an assessment of existing measures or resources currently available or in use by the department;

(2) How exams that detect a medical impairment may provide transportation and safety benefits;

(3) The appropriate age at which to conduct an exam that measures medical impairment;

(4) Any pertinent research regarding medical impairment and dementia and the effectiveness of a doctor's evaluation in the conduct of an exam, and research into which medical experts and physicians are qualified to detect these conditions and consult with the Legislature and the Department of Motor Vehicles on the signs and implications of these conditions;

(5) The fiscal impact associated with hiring or use of additional personnel to conduct exams at the Department of Motor Vehicles;

(6) The potential effect of access to public transportation on an individual who has a disability which affects safe driving in deciding to voluntarily relinquish driving privileges; and

(7) The opportunity to utilize driving courses targeted to older Nebraskans to improve safe driving and help determine appropriate retirement from driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and assess the extent to which Nebraska has implemented key provisions of the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. This study shall include information on best practices nationally and in other states and make policy recommendations on improving outcomes for children in out-of-home care in key areas. This study may include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The educational outcomes of children and youth in out-of-home care, as well as information on their school stability, the process and timeliness of enrollment in new schools when necessary, and the transfer of educational information and records;

(2) The timeliness and adequacy of health services provided to children and youth in out-of-home care, including the ongoing oversight and coordination of health care services;

(3) The maintenance and strengthening of important relationships for children in out-of-home care, including siblings, relatives, and other trusted adults, and the provision and adequacy of support to kinship families; and

(4) Information on children waiting for permanency, as well as the available incentives and assistance for the adoption or permanent guardianship of children and youth in out-of-home care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 238. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the service delivery system in Nebraska. The study shall examine the Access Nebraska system in general, as well as the separation of the economic assistance programs from the medicaid program, including application processes and data sharing. The study shall also examine the connection of these systems to the new health care marketplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The study shall examine the options that other states have enacted and implemented under the SNAP program, and the effect of those options on beneficiaries and the economy. The study shall also examine the SNAP administrative system and investments and improvements that can be made to create system efficiencies and defray current administrative costs including, but not limited to, the feasibility and barriers in creating public-private partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the need for potentially amending the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act (Act). On May 3, 2013, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled in *Fisher v. PayFlex Systems USA*, 285 Neb. 808, that workers must be paid by their employers for earned but unused paid time off (PTO) when leaving employment. The issue in that case was whether a 2007 amendment to section 48-1229 of the Act permits an employer to not pay unused PTO benefits to separating employees even though the statute requires the payment of unused vacation leave, and despite a provision in employer policy that PTO benefits on separation would not be paid. This study shall examine the Supreme Court's ruling, the legislative intent of section 48-1229, whether there is any ambiguity in the law, whether the term "vacation leave" should be defined, if clarification by further amendment of the Act is required, and any other related issues the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241. Introduced by Campbell, 25; Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the financial impact of, and financing options for, medicaid expansion under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for medical assistance for newly eligible individuals described under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Cost-sharing options, including deductibles and co-payments;
- (2) The utilization of emergency departments, including a focus on data and conditions that account for reportedly high emergency department utilization by medicaid recipients, and potential strategies to enhance health management and expand opportunity for appropriate levels of health care services for individuals with chronic health conditions;
- (3) Medicaid payment reforms that encourage investment in alternative settings for patients to access health care in a convenient, cost-effective manner and provision of new incentives to involve a greater number and variety of medicaid providers;
- (4) The option of an alternative medicaid expansion program that utilizes federal funding for newly eligible individuals to provide for premium assistance to enable enrollment in a qualified health plan through the federally-operated Nebraska health insurance marketplace (exchange). The review shall include a cost-benefit analysis to include, but not be limited to, administrative costs, the cost of medical services, availability of providers within geographic and specialty networks, provider reimbursements, medical coverage comparison, and access by newly eligible individuals to appropriate health care; and
- (5) The economic impact on the state and local economies from medicaid expansion, including, but not limited to, federal and state spending, employment both inside and outside the health care sector, tax revenue, business and employer costs, household incomes, and health care funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature be designated to review, investigate, and assess the financial impact of, and the financing options for, medicaid expansion.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council of the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242. Introduced by Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the methods of encouraging transition from adult education to postsecondary education for adults. This study will examine models to align adult literacy and postsecondary education systems that have been utilized in other states. The

study will also consider what changes could be made in Nebraska to implement transition models.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243. Introduced by Gloor, 35; Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the future of emergency medical services in Nebraska. Presently, there are no governmental subdivisions which have the responsibility to ensure that emergency medical services are being provided throughout the state. Nebraska has no statutory guidance requiring any political subdivision, whether local, county, or regional, which is responsible for emergency medical services. The threat to the health care of Nebraskans is created when a local emergency medical service terminates its program and there is no mandate to coordinate a placement for emergency medical services in that geographical area. The study should develop recommendations for future legislation so that a plan of action could be implemented, with statutory guidance, which would include the financial sustainability and oversight so that emergency medical services are maintained throughout the State of Nebraska. The study is not intended to include self-sustaining emergency medical services currently being provided by larger cities in Nebraska with a paid work force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244. Introduced by Mello, 5; Conrad, 46; Dubas, 34; Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of current system effectiveness, user accessibility, equipment needs, and user training. The study shall include the history of how the system was created, any cost benefit analysis that was made, who were the major decision makers, and the key decisions that were

made. The study shall also determine the costs of updating the system, and what issues present hindrances to providing a public safety communication system that adequately addresses the needs of all interested parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations and Transportation and Telecommunications Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 245. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding recycling. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The availability of publicly-sponsored or supported recycling programs for Nebraska residents and businesses;

(2) Existing state programs designed to promote recycling, including grants under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act, Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act, and Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(3) The economic, environmental, and energy-saving benefits of increased recycling, including the potential use of recycled materials for manufacturing and the reduction of landfill costs to local governments and businesses; and

(4) Potential strategies to further encourage recycling in Nebraska, including possible changes to existing programs to encourage municipal, residential, and commercial recycling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 246. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a comparison of the school employees and Class V school employees retirement plans. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a comparison of benefits, plan assets and funding obligations, and administrative costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine purchase of service credits in public retirement plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine service requirements in the School Employees Retirement Act including, but not limited to, temporary service and service following termination of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 250. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: A study to analyze the State of Nebraska's self-insured workers compensation plan administered by the Department of Administrative Services for the State of Nebraska.

1. The study shall include a review of the efficiency and financial stability of the plan, the effectiveness of the operations and its operating policies and procedures, and the equity of the plan's cost allocation to state agencies.

2. The goals of the study are to:

a. Determine if self-insurance is the most cost-effective means of providing coverage for all agencies. The study should review whether any agencies should consider traditional insurance coverage versus the current self-insurance approach;

b. Review the policies and procedures of the Department of Administrative Services for administering the plan. The study should compare the policies and procedures to industry standards;

c. A review of the methodology used by the Department of Administrative Services to allocate the costs of the plan to each agency. The study should consider the equity of the distribution, the stability in budgeting for agencies, and other issues deemed appropriate;

d. The study should consider trends in the insurance industry for reducing plan costs through education, wellness, or other methods;

e. The study should provide historical trends for both funding and payment from the fund;

f. The study should recommend whether it is financially sound for the plan and equitable to plan recipients to pay lump sum settlements to plan recipients. If it is, then policies or guidelines should be suggested; and

g. Other matters as determined by the committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 251. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine court fees earmarked to generate revenue for the Nebraska Judges Retirement System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee and the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study how amendments to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act affect existing economic development plans adopted under the act. Specifically, the study

will examine what changes a governing body can make to an economic development plan without a vote of the people when the act is amended and to determine whether the current law needs clarification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: To study and assess the impact of Nebraska changing to a home rule state in matters of local concern. This study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying matters of state and local concern, reviewing issues regarding the use of home rule charters by cities, determining the desirability and need to expand the authority granted to cities in light of current legal authority and express limitations on local control, and studying how such change could be implemented effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 254. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: Currently throughout Nebraska there are irrigated acres which have access to both ground water and surface water on the same acres. Such irrigated acres are often called commingled acres. The purpose of this resolution is to examine the concept of regulating commingled acres to only use surface water during years when surface water is plentiful, and to only use ground water during times of scarce surface water supplies. During times when surface water is scarce it would be saved for surface water-only acres and for compliance with compacts, agreements, and decrees. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying the number of commingled acres in Nebraska, reviewing potential regulation structures to implement such a concept throughout Nebraska, and reviewing the potential positive and negative consequences of such a water policy in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 255. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the concept of moving surface water-only irrigated acres to ground water acres to help compliance with compacts, agreements, and decrees and to examine potential ways to meet contract payments and management expenses for irrigation districts, public power and irrigation districts, and mutual irrigation and canal companies. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying the number of surface water-only acres in Nebraska, reviewing potential pathways to transition the moving of surface water-only acres to ground water acres throughout the state, reviewing the potential positive and negative consequences of such a water policy in Nebraska, and examining ways to replace funds needed to meet contract payments and management expenses of irrigation districts, public power and irrigation districts, and mutual irrigation and canal companies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 256. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to reexamine the consolidation of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that occurred in 1996 with the enactment of LB 1044. This study shall explore the feasibility of breaking DHHS up into the previous independent agencies that existed prior to LB 1044, or the need for an additional break up of agencies or divisions to create more manageable agencies that increase accountability to the public. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the reasons for the original consolidation of agencies and whether the goals of the consolidation were met, an examination of whether the break up of DHHS would provide increased manageability and effective delivery of services, and a study of suggested plans of dividing the current programs into new manageable agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 257. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Harms, 48; B. Harr, 8; McGill, 26; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the early childhood learning and development system across the state to determine how to make the current system more effective in preparing children to succeed in school and later in life. Science shows that meeting a child's cognitive, emotional, and social needs in his or her first five years, during the period of rapid brain growth, is imperative for the success of the child, and provides the state a greater return on its investment than if made at any other time in a person's life.

Study issues to be considered may include, but shall not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Implementation, support, monitoring, and evaluation of a quality rating and improvement system in Nebraska;

(2) How a statewide kindergarten assessment system can support the alignment and coordination of early learning and development standards and practices across the state and build on the current and future knowledge and skills of young children;

(3) Barriers posed by family income and geography to the accessibility of high quality child care and early childhood education opportunities; and

(4) Development and promotion of a unified early childhood data system and the ability to link child level data with K-12 and other key data systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee and Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 258. Introduced by Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: To study whether alcohol licensee employees should be certified in how to apply the pertinent portions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and whether there should be a minimum age requirement for at least one person working at a retail license establishment when alcohol is being sold for consumption on the premises. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Which, if any, licensees should be affected;
- (2) Which, if any, licensee employees should be affected;
- (3) What requirements should be included in the certification process; and
- (4) Whether a retail licensee that sells alcohol for consumption on the premises should be required to have at least one person who is at least 21 years old on the premises at all times when the establishment is open for business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 259. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: LB 555 was introduced in 2013 to provide for the utilization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reserve funds to provide for afterschool programming for children in families that qualify for TANF assistance. The need for this type of programming remains necessary for the success of this population. The purpose of this resolution is to further study this issue, and the study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) An evaluation of the potential use of TANF funds to create a grant program for afterschool programs;
- (2) An analysis of the statewide need for afterschool programming grants envisioned under LB 555;
- (3) A review of similar programming and the data available in Nebraska and other states; and
- (4) A study of the feasibility of creating a grant program for afterschool programming for children in families that qualify for TANF assistance, as envisioned under LB 555.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 260. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Crawford, 45; Gloor, 35; Hadley, 37; McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine existing barriers to the delivery of health care services through telehealth technologies in Nebraska. This innovative health care delivery method has the potential to bring health care services to patients where provider shortages exist. Telehealth has been shown to reduce the cost of health care and increase efficiency through better management of chronic diseases, shared health professional staffing, reduced travel times, and fewer or shorter hospital stays. Telehealth offers strategies to overcome challenges to access to care in Nebraska, as well as an opportunity to promote preventive care and wellness in an effort to reduce preventable and costly medical interventions.

The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Strategies to expand the use of telecommunications or electronic technology by licensed health care providers for diagnosis, consultation, or treatment for medically underserved areas or populations;
- (2) The potential use of telecommunications or electronic technology to gather and transmit health information between the patient and the health care provider to monitor a patient's health status;
- (3) The potential use of telecommunications or electronic technology to deliver patient education and public health interventions;
- (4) The potential use of telecommunications or electronic technology to provide continuing medical education and consultation resources for health care providers;
- (5) The standards and technology systems necessary to promote interoperability among provider systems to allow efficient information sharing;
- (6) The potential advantages of participation in an interstate compact to set parameters for a unified system of multi-state licensing regarding telehealth services;
- (7) The existing reimbursement structure for telehealth services in the Nebraska Medicaid program and in private insurance plans in our state;
- (8) The ongoing need to protect patient privacy; and
- (9) The removal of existing legal and policy barriers to realizing the full potential of telehealth services in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 261. Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study barriers to permanent placements for Nebraska children who have been placed out of the home and are wards of the state including, but not limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Policies related to terminations of parental rights;
- (2) Department of Health and Human Services procedures related to permanency; and
- (3) The role of judicial discretion in permanency plans.

The study committee shall consult with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative of the Supreme Court, the Foster Care Review Office, and the Nebraska Children's Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 262. Introduced by Coash, 27; Avery, 28; Bloomfield, 17; Brasch, 16; Davis, 43; Dubas, 34; Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: To study the issues surrounding the high rate of placement of Nebraska's Native American children involved in the foster care system. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The intersection of Native child welfare and the court system, including opportunities for decisionmakers to gain competency relative to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act and Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act;
- (2) The capacity of culturally competent foster and adoptive homes for Native children;
- (3) How Nebraska can improve compliance with the purpose of the federal and state Indian child welfare acts; and
- (4) The current methods used to gather data on Native American children.

The study committee shall consult with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act Coalition, the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, Native Americans from the Omaha, Santee Sioux, Winnebago, and Ponca tribes, the Commission on Indian Affairs, the Nebraska Court Improvement Project, and the Foster Care Review Office.

In holding public hearings by utilizing the authority provided by section 50-406 and the rules of the Legislature, at least one public hearing should be conducted on a Native American reservation, if possible, to ensure the study

committee has full access to the tribes' collective experience and expertise in effectuating the Indian child welfare acts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services, Judiciary, and State-Tribal Relations Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 263. Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the economic impact of the film, television, and commercial industry in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The presence of an industry workforce across the state;
- (2) The state statutes and local laws affecting Nebraska's competitiveness to attract industry projects;
- (3) A review of the most recent jobs created by industry projects;
- (4) A review of the most recent sales tax collected from industry projects;
- (5) The effect of the industry on Nebraska tourism;
- (6) The effect of Nebraska companies producing commercials outside the state; and
- (7) The presence and impact of industry-related education programs across the state.

The study committee shall consult with stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Film Office, the Nebraska Film Association, the Nebraska Tourism Commission, and the Department of Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 264. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the education data system. The study shall include an assessment of the adequacy of the current data system maintained by the State Department of Education to provide timely access to relevant and accurate data to meet various needs, including information for teachers in public schools about student achievement in their classrooms, objective research regarding educational practices, data for policy formation and review, and accountability to the public regarding the

performance of the public schools. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The costs of the data system;
- (2) Legislative access and public access to the department's data system;
- (3) The role and inter-relationships between the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System, the Consolidated Data System, the State of the Schools Report, and the Statewide Longitudinal Data System as developed pursuant to federal grant funding;
- (4) Timeliness and access to financial information related to school spending, budgets, taxes, and state aid;
- (5) Adequacy of school staff data in the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System in relation to teacher and classified staff qualifications, assignments, degree level, college credits, and experience; and
- (6) Any other issue related to the education data system that the study committee deems important.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 265. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Avery, 28; Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study insurance coverage of amino acid-based elemental formulas and how such coverage interfaces with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act under the essential benefits package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 266. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Hadley, 37; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and identify ways in which Nebraska may support and increase venture capital investment in the state. In 2011, Nebraska ranked 47th in venture capitalist investment according to the National Venture Capital Association. Nebraska is largely

failing to capture its share of investments in high-growth, innovative economic sectors and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 267. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review the One-Call Notification System Act. The Legislature has not conducted a comprehensive review of the act since its adoption in 1994. Since that time there have been significant changes in technology, excavation techniques, agriculture practices, and the nature of underground infrastructure. The Legislature should undertake a thorough review of the act, including how it relates to current practices. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Developments at the federal level, including recent studies by the United States Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration;

(2) A comparison of one-call notification systems across the country to determine best practices regarding exemptions, penalties, liability, and enforcement;

(3) The relevance of the agriculture exemption, particularly when applied to nonowner third parties conducting excavation on agricultural land;

(4) The recent and ongoing technological updates by Diggers Hotline of Nebraska, how these updates assist excavators across the state, and the identification and implementation of best practices for public outreach for full utilization of those updates; and

(5) The effectiveness of current enforcement statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 268. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issues surrounding new residential and commercial development in our state's urban areas. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) How school district boundary lines impact the creation and location of new residential and commercial developments;
- (2) How school district boundary lines enhance or restrict the growth of municipalities and economic development; and
- (3) Any other related topics the study committee deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee and the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 269. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the property tax base structure and compare this structure to those of other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 270. Introduced by Davis, 43; Campbell, 25; Coash, 27; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45; Dubas, 34; Gloor, 35; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Krist, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study identification or creation of methods of keeping elderly Nebraskans safe in their homes where they can receive high quality care and support in order to avoid hospitalization, emergency room visits, and long-term facility care. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Ways to reduce overall health care expenditures for the elderly by delivery of affordable care in the comfort and safety of their homes;
- (2) How to identify or create methods of assistance for the elderly who often have limited incomes, limited resources, and families living at a distance;
- (3) New methods of delivery of high quality in-home services to Nebraskans in underserved areas of the state to reduce overall health care expenditures for the elderly population;
- (4) Development of one or more pilot projects in identified communities in order to demonstrate how providing high quality care to Nebraskans in their homes would help meet their health care needs in an affordable manner; and

(5) Weaknesses in the current community health care system which results in early transfers of elderly citizens from their residences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 271. Introduced by Davis, 43; Bloomfield, 17; Chambers, 11; Hansen, 42; B. Harr, 8; Johnson, 23; Lathrop, 12; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues, benefits, and costs associated with expanding the brand inspection area to include the entire State of Nebraska. This study shall identify and quantify the value conferred to cattle owners and to commerce in cattle through ownership verification and documentation, theft detection and deterrence, including detection and prevention of fraud, and in contributions to livestock disease traceability. This study shall also examine means to increase the functionality of brand recording and inspection for purposes of disease traceability, and examine systems of animal ID and documentation and recording of cattle movements and transactions that could be adapted and utilized for purposes of ownership verification, and how such systems might be integrated into the Nebraska brand law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 272. Introduced by Bolz, 29; Kolowski, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues related to the use of paraeducators to improve and promote student achievement in public elementary schools.

1. The study will consider State Department of Education data related to teachers and paraeducators assigned to elementary classrooms in the public schools. The study shall consider, but not be limited to:

a. Average number of students in elementary grade classrooms during the day or class period, the average number of English Language Learners, special education students, and high ability learners in elementary grades,

and the teacher/student and paraeducator/student ratios in elementary classrooms;

b. Paraeducator training, qualifications, credentials, and years of experience; and

c. Student achievement and growth of students, individually and in the aggregate by school building, especially related to students with individualized education plans, in relation to the skills, training, experience, and qualifications of assigned teacher and paraeducators.

2. The policy issues for study include, but are not limited to:

a. Adequate access to training for paraeducators and the availability of existing training programs;

b. The need for additional credentialing or certification of paraeducators;

c. The adequacy of salaries and benefits for paraeducators;

d. Opportunities for innovation, improving retention, and improved collaboration and existing best practices; and

e. Existing and potential funding streams for staffing purposes.

3. The study will also include any other related topics the committee deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 273. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: To identify budgeting strategies to support the array of services needed for Nebraska's aging population in a fiscally responsible manner.

Nebraska's elderly population is increasing rapidly. Between 2010 and 2030, the population of persons age 65 and over is expected to grow by 75 percent. As such, strategic initiatives are needed to both care for needs and manage state investments. This interim study shall address, but not be limited to, the following policy areas:

1. Examination of global budgeting strategies in providing for long-term care services for older Nebraskans and model state strategies;

2. Examination of current funding streams providing for the needs of aging Nebraskans, including, but not limited to: The medicaid state plan, medicaid home and community-based services waiver, the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act, care management services, social services block grant, and the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act;

3. Examination of the availability of waivers to promote strategic initiatives in long-term care services for older Nebraskans;

4. Identification of existing data for long-term care services needs and trends as well as additional needs for data collection and analysis;

5. Identification of the full array of long-term care services for older Nebraskans needed in Nebraska, including strategies to assist with

individuals aging in place and promoting consumer choice and consumer independence and availability of assessment tools and strategies to identify individual needs as well as ways in which information about services is provided; and

6. Identification of areas for potential savings and investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274. Introduced by Bolz, 29.

PURPOSE: The medicaid management information system supports claims processing, coordination of benefits, surveillance and utilization review, federal and management reporting, and case management. As such, it is essential to the functioning of the medicaid system overall and holds potential to provide information for strategic programmatic and fiscal management. The purpose of this interim study is to maximize opportunities to leverage the new opportunity to build a medicaid management information system that meets the needs of Nebraska now and in the future. The policy issues that the study shall examine include, but are not limited to, are:

1. Opportunities to maximize federal matching dollars available for the system;

2. Development of a strategic analysis of the information management needs in short term and long term to be supported by the system;

3. Best practices and effective systems in other states successfully serving health care needs and saving money;

4. Review of opportunities to maximize information gathering for oversight of managed care contracts;

5. Identification of new payment and delivery models to achieve cost savings and increased reporting and analytical capabilities to manage the program; and

6. Establishing a timeline for the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the building of the system to ensure that it occurs in a timely fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 275. Introduced by Bolz, 29; McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues relating to the behavioral and mental health needs of children in educational settings.

1. The study will consider the intersection between educational needs and behavioral and mental health care needs. Policy issues the study will consider include, but are not limited to:

a. Needs identified by teachers, school social workers, school nurses, and other staff members in public schools for behavioral and mental health services in school settings;

b. Current staffing patterns for school nurses and social workers and other related school staff members;

c. Needs for additional data collection related to behavioral health needs in educational settings;

d. Existing school-based strategies for addressing behavioral and mental health needs for children, including best practices in other states, pilot strategies, and existing alternative programs and schools;

e. Relationships between graduation rates and behavioral and mental health needs of students;

f. Opportunities for improved coordination between educational settings and the Department of Health and Human Services, especially the behavioral health regions established under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act;

g. Existing funding streams for behavioral and mental health services in schools; and

h. Other issues deemed appropriate by the Education and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276. Introduced by Chambers, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the communications rate structure for persons receiving calls from incarcerated individuals in county and local correctional facilities. National studies have shown that frequent communication between inmates and family members reduces recidivism rates. Nebraska is one of only eight states which does not allow providers to add commissions or financial incentives to state incarceration

facilities for communications services provided to inmates. However, this prohibition does not extend to county and municipal correctional facilities. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Whether current telephone rates include the commissions charged as part of the rate charged to persons receiving calls from incarcerated individuals in city and county correctional facilities in Nebraska;
- (2) How commissions are collected, disbursed, and spent if received;
- (3) The real cost of providing telephone service absent commissions;
- (4) The financial impact on county or local governments if commissions are eliminated;
- (5) Telephone rates charged by local correctional facilities compared with rates charged by state correctional facilities;
- (6) Whether county and local correctional facilities could buy inmate telephone services through state contracts for such services and whether this would reduce overall costs;
- (7) The impact on family members and friends who are charged current rates on calls they accept from incarcerated individuals;
- (8) Video conferencing or peer-to-peer Internet services in lieu of current telephone communications and a determination of whether these alternative services can reduce overall costs for inmates, their families, and correctional facilities; and
- (9) Whether face-to-face meetings at incarceration facilities will continue if video conferencing or peer-to-peer Internet services are implemented and recommendations of conditions or circumstances that would warrant face-to-face visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 277. Introduced by Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: To study and review the current costs associated with correctional and detention facilities in Nebraska and the costs to political subdivisions for detention and incarceration of adult and juvenile offenders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 278. Introduced by Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues which are within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 279. Introduced by Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the use of social impact bonds to develop programming for juveniles and adults reentering the community after involvement with the juvenile justice system or the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 280. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study the retail license provisions within the Nebraska Liquor Control Act regarding permissible activities and determine whether any or all retail licensees should be permitted to bottle draft beer to be sold for consumption off the premises. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

- (1) Whether there is a demand for retail licensees to bottle draft beer to be sold for consumption off the premises;
- (2) Whether retail licensees should be providing such a product intended to be consumed off the premises;
- (3) Whether retail licensees are capable of providing such a product to be sold for consumption off the premises in a manner that preserves the quality of the beer and assures the public's health and safety;
- (4) What regulations, if any, would be necessary to protect the public's health regarding the method of bottling draft beer to be sold for consumption off the premises;
- (5) What, if any, restrictions should apply to the size of the individual container and the aggregate amount of draft beer the purchaser may remove from the premises; and

(6) To what extent, if any, would allowing retail licensees to provide such a product have on the three-tier system of alcohol licensees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 281. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study the nature of and relationship between catering liquor licenses and special designated liquor licenses within the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Whether the catering license is currently being utilized as it was originally intended and whether the relationship between catering licenses and special designated liquor licenses follows legislative intent;

(2) The number of catering licenses currently being issued and the recent trends;

(3) Which types of licensees are applying for catering licenses and the reasons if any are non-caterers;

(4) Whether non-caterers should be granted a catering license; and

(5) Whether there should be an enhanced special designated license or catering license for licensees who are frequently granted special designated licenses for the same location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 282. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: To study issues regarding the parity in Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) activities between private and public high schools. This study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) How private high schools perform against public high schools in NSAA activities, with a specific focus on sporting contests;

(2) Whether there is parity between private and public high schools in NSAA activities, with a specific focus on sporting contests;

(3) Whether private or public high schools attract student athletes to their respective institutions through methods which may give them an unfair competitive advantage;

(4) What measures are necessary to improve the parity between private and public high schools, if a lack of parity exists; and

(5) What steps other states have taken to improve the parity in their respective extracurricular activities and whether such steps were effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 283. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 284. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review issues surrounding child custody proceedings and parenting time determinations as they pertain to families of divorce. This study shall take into consideration, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. A review and an analysis of research studies that examine how custody and parenting time awards affect outcomes for children both socially and emotionally;

2. A review, a comparison, and an analysis of parent-created parenting plans, attorney-negotiated parenting plans, mediated parenting plans, and court-determined parenting plans;

3. A review and an analysis of relevant legal standards that address the constitutional rights of children and parents;

4. A review and analysis of current and proposed legislation in other states to determine how other states have addressed these issues;

5. A review and an analysis of parenting time guidelines currently used in Nebraska to set and determine standards, including variations of these standards across the state;

6. A review and an analysis of available data on Nebraska divorce and custody proceedings;

7. A review and an analysis of custody decisions related to domestic violence;

8. A review and an analysis of how litigants manipulate the current family law system and the incentives the current system creates for such manipulation;

9. A review and an analysis of the effect of child support guidelines on parenting time decisions and the effect of custody decisions on child support payments;

10. A review and an analysis of what measures could be taken to improve implementation and actual enforcement of custody decisions; and

11. A review and an analysis of custody decisions on subsequent litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285. Introduced by Lathrop, 12; Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: To study career education programs in Nebraska's public schools. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The purpose, role, and mission of career education programs;

(2) The prevalence of, and need for, career education programs at both the middle school and high school levels;

(3) The funding for career education programs, curriculum, and equipment at both the middle school and high school levels and the typical costs for training facilities and programs;

(4) The availability of teachers of career education courses;

(5) The status and role of career guidance in Nebraska schools;

(6) The alignment of secondary career education curriculum to postsecondary career education program curriculum and entrance requirements;

(7) The types and numbers of skilled workers that Nebraska is projected to need in both the short-term and long-term future;

(8) The role of businesses in successful career education programs;

(9) The role of labor organizations in successful career education programs; and

(10) Any other topics related to career education as determined by the study committee.

This study shall be conducted by a select committee consisting of the chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, and other members as the chairperson of the Education Committee deems appropriate. The chairperson of the select committee shall be the chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature or a member of the Education Committee selected by the chairperson of the Education Committee.

In conducting this study, the select committee shall consult with the State Department of Education, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Labor, representatives of secondary schools with career education programs, community colleges, an association of school administrators, labor unions, local and state chambers of commerce, business entities, and any other group the select committee deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That a select committee of the Legislature shall be designated as provided in this resolution to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to review state law regarding child abuse and neglect in instances when a pregnant woman engages in an activity that causes harm to the fetus and determine whether or not current law covers such instances of possible abuse or neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 287. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the requirement that counties pay court filing fees and costs when filing criminal charges and civil proceedings in the county, district, and juvenile courts in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 288. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the role and value of animal health professionals and other volunteers in assisting law enforcement in carrying out duties under the Livestock Animal Welfare Act. This study shall examine constraints to such individuals assisting law enforcement in investigation and resolution of incidents of animal abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 289. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the feasibility and utility of utilizing fence viewer panels as arbitrators or fact finders in resolving division fence disputes, and whether utilization of fence viewers could reduce litigation and costs to parties in a dispute. This study shall include an evaluation of the fence viewer system provided for in LB 339 introduced in 2013 and pending before the Agriculture Committee, and shall identify other models for empaneling fence viewers and their authorities, including private fence viewing services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 290. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the feasibility and utility of designating counties adjacent to the mandatory brand inspection area designated by section 54-1109 as brand inspection service areas. Such designation would provide that while brand inspection would not be mandatory, brand inspection services performed by the Nebraska Brand

Committee would be provided to individual requesters within a brand inspection service area at the rates and terms for mandatory brand inspections performed within the brand inspection area. This study shall determine potential utilization of brand inspection within brand inspection service areas and net costs that would be incurred by the Nebraska Brand Committee to provide such service. The study shall make recommendations regarding the inspection fee rate and other charges, and identify any administrative actions that could be taken by the Nebraska Brand Committee that would enable it to provide cost-effective inspection services within brand inspection service areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 291. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine means by which to coordinate activities by state livestock animal health authorities with the activities of local livestock cruelty and neglect authorities. This resolution is not to examine whether the Department of Agriculture shall have a role as a primary complaint or investigative agency, but rather whether the department's interests, authorities, and resources with respect to livestock animal disease, carcass disposal, and biosecurity could be useful in assisting in the assessment and ultimate disposition of livestock seized by local authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 292. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: To study the levy authority of rural and suburban fire protection districts. The study should include a review of issues raised during consideration of LB 62 (Schilz), which was introduced in 2013 and referenced to the Revenue Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293. Introduced by Schilz, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the prevalence of game processing services performed for compensation by persons not licensed as a food establishment under the Nebraska Pure Food Act. The study shall review the applicability of the Nebraska Pure Food Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to such activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 294. Introduced by Schilz, 47; Murante, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and explore a program which would maximize private health insurance in such a manner so as to cover as many Nebraskans as possible and be implemented to qualify for federal approval and matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 295. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study any disparity in income between men and women in the State of Nebraska. This study shall examine the reasons for any disparity and make any recommendations for potential legislative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the effectiveness of career academies in Nebraska high schools and the feasibility of expanding career academies to more schools in the state. This study shall also examine whether parents can afford the tuition charged for career academies and whether the tuition and associated costs of attending discourage participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 297. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the effectiveness of telehealth technology used for behavioral health services in Nebraska. This study shall include the impact of behavioral health screening administration during childhood physicals and the impact of behavioral health treatment made available in physician's offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 298. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the efficiency of state programs. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Potential areas of fragmentation, overlap, and duplication within individual state agency budgets or between agencies;

(2) Strategies utilized by the federal government and other states to identify areas of fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in government programs; and

(3) Methods to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government through the elimination or consolidation of fragmented, overlapping, and duplicate state programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 299. Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the possibility of the State of Nebraska operating and managing all activities associated with motor vehicle licensing and registration for all counties statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 300. Introduced by Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: Anecdotal information based on Senators' contacts with constituents and work done by the Office of the Public Counsel (cases investigated and prior legislative testimony), in addition to the recent work of the Region 6 Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Grant, indicate that a significant number of individuals dually diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities and mental illness (I/DD and MI) or intellectual or developmental disabilities and behavioral health problems are not receiving effective habilitative or behavioral health services. The purposes of this study are to:

1. Study the treatment and services for people dually diagnosed with I/DD and MI or I/DD and behavioral health, including people who are not eligible for I/DD and MI services based on the current criteria of the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as people who may be eligible for one set of services or the other but whose services, due to regulatory and other barriers, are inadequate to meet their needs in the community;

2. Identify and quantify gaps in service;

3. Consider the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's potential impacts; and

4. Make recommendations for administrative or legislative actions to address such gaps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 302. Introduced by Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the generation of energy in Nebraska through the use of renewable energy sources and to provide a comparison with other states. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The prevalence of energy generation through the use of renewable sources by Nebraska's public power systems;

(2) The prevalence of energy generation through the use of renewable sources by private entities generating energy for in-state consumption and for export;

(3) Federal and state tax incentives provided to entities generating energy through the use of renewable sources;

(4) Infrastructure needs and costs associated with the generation and transmission of energy generated through the use of renewable sources;

(5) Renewable energy mandates; and

(6) Long-term supply strategies in Nebraska and in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 303. Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues relating to brain injuries. The issues addressed by this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of community services, including neurobehavioral services, available for brain injury; and

(2) An examination of the impact of brain injuries on Nebraska's veterans and how a trust fund may help address their needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 304. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct a thorough review of statutes governing Class V school districts to identify the differences between statutes governing Class V school districts and other school districts, and to determine whether those differences are warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 305. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the governance and efficiency of the State Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 306. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the issue of requiring prospective employees to disclose their criminal backgrounds on initial job applications and to evaluate the need for legislation which would ban employers from requesting this information before prospective employees have an interview, a practice known as "banning the box". The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The need to strengthen protections for prospective employees and applicants who currently must disclose their criminal background on initial job applications;

(2) Identifying exceptions for certain career fields in any legislation that would ban the practice of requiring criminal background information on initial job applications;

(3) The consequences of the practice of requiring criminal background information before a job interview; and

(4) Potential alternatives for employers to use when screening prospective employees that would not require requesting criminal background information on initial job applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 307. Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the committee and caucus structure of the Legislature. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The number of bills referenced to each committee;

(2) The amount of time needed to adequately process all legislation being referred to each committee;

(3) The extent to which each congressional district caucus should be ensured equal representation on each committee;

(4) Whether currently existing standing committees can be merged into other standing committees;

(5) Whether the current number of members assigned to each committee is adequate and appropriate;

(6) Whether the number of days in which each committee is scheduled to meet per week should be increased, decreased, or remain the same;

(7) Whether the days of the week in which each committee is scheduled to meet should be changed; and

(8) Any other related topics the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Rules Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 309. Introduced by Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and make recommendations on how to improve the protection of sensitive commercial crops from losses due to the damaging effects of phenoxy herbicide drift (2, 4-D, Dicamba, etc.) and how to minimize the occurrences of drift damage. This study shall identify sensitive crops grown in Nebraska, including grapes, and their direct and value-added economic importance. This study shall examine the present awareness and policies of commercial and private licensed applicators, utilities, and governmental and public entities and review their training requirements, training effectiveness, and record-keeping requirements. The study shall also examine existing programs of public sprayer education, general awareness of DriftWatch, and potential liabilities of which all applicators should be aware in an effort to lessen the necessity of and extreme difficulties involved in state drift episode investigations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 312. Introduced by Coash, 27; Campbell, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the child protective services (CPS) system within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The roles of law enforcement, county attorneys, and CPS staff in potential child abuse and neglect cases;

(2) The effectiveness of the CPS hotline;

(3) The procedures used by CPS staff to screen reports of child abuse and neglect including the process used to determine voluntary cases;

(4) The process by which information is shared between state and local agencies and officials;

(5) Training procedures for front-line responders in potential child abuse and neglect cases;

(6) The impact of DHHS efforts to reduce the percentage of children removed from their homes; and

(7) The State Child and Maternal Death Review Team, as amended by passage of LB 361, including its membership, role, and reporting requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 313. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study comprehensive models of response and treatment for victims of human trafficking. This study shall include any recommendations about an appropriate model for implementation in Nebraska that involves the response of law enforcement, medical professionals, legal parties, the courts, and other treatment providers to create a comprehensive approach to response and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 314. Introduced by McGill, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the use of parent education available within the public schools. This study shall include an examination of models in other states where education is made available to parents in the public schools in the areas of continuing education, literacy, child development and discipline, and other areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 315. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the development of a new type of corporate entity known as the benefit corporation. The major characteristics of the benefit corporation are (1) the requirement that a benefit corporation must have a corporate purpose to create a material positive impact on society, (2) an expansion of the duties of directors to require consideration of non-financial stakeholders as well as the financial interests of shareholders, and (3) an obligation to report on its overall social

and environmental performance using a comprehensive, credible, and transparent standard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 316. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues raised by LB 312 (2013) which is pending in the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. LB 312 would provide that it is an unfair trade practice in the business of insurance for an insurer to: Refuse to issue, refuse to renew, cancel, or limit the amount of coverage on a property and casualty risk due to weather-related casualties to the risk; surcharge a policyholder for a property and casualty loss on which the insurer did not pay a claim; and surcharge a policyholder for a property and casualty loss due to weather-related casualties to a previously occupied or noncovered property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 317. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

PURPOSE: As evidenced by the Nebraska Meatpacking Industry Workers Bill of Rights, Nebraska recognized that the health, safety, and conditions of its workforce were critical to the success of Nebraska's families and communities. However, data and scores of conversations with meatpacking and poultry workers since passage of the Workers Bill of Rights demonstrate that conditions have not sufficiently improved, and that regularly forced overtime by a few employers causes additional serious risks to worker and food safety, and also creates worrisome parental absences for families.

The purpose of this resolution is to examine how forced overtime on a regular and repeated basis as a regular work practice affects Nebraskans working in meatpacking, poultry, food processing, and other factory work. This study shall identify what policies Nebraska should adopt to strengthen

its laws to ensure worker and food product safety in these workplaces. This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) A review of current overtime conditions in meat and poultry processing plants, food processing plants, and other factories across Nebraska; and

(2) Identifying opportunities to strengthen Nebraska's statutory framework related to regularly and repeated forced overtime and other laws and regulations related to ensuring overtime policies that safeguard worker safety, food safety, and a strong quality of life for Nebraska families and communities.

The study committee should consult with a variety of stakeholders including Nebraska meatpacking employees and other workers, community and health organizations, union representatives, workers' compensation attorneys, company management, government agencies, and university researchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues related to mass transit authorities. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The statutory means by which a municipality other than a city of the metropolitan class would establish a separate transit authority;

(2) The steps that need to be taken at the federal and state levels to facilitate the transfer of transit assets from a municipality to a separate transit authority;

(3) The limitations of the current statutory structure for transit authorities under the Transit Authority Law; and

(4) The long-term future of transportation options and cooperative models in the Omaha and Lincoln areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding Omaha's federally-mandated combined sewer overflow (CSO) project. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The unique nature of the CSO project, including the size, scope, and restrictions on funding methods imposed on the city by the federal government;

(2) Potential strategies to provide state assistance to defray the costs of the CSO project, including existing funding sources or turnback of sales taxes being paid on sewer and water fees that currently fund the project; and

(3) Regulatory oversight of the CSO project by the Department of Environmental Quality, including whether regulatory flexibility could lower the total costs of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources and Revenue Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 320. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: To examine statutes and procedures related to the eminent domain laws for oil pipelines and the authorities of local governments to regulate oil pipelines.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

1. Issues related to eminent domain authority by pipeline companies. This study should include whether using threats of eminent domain to obtain easements for a route that has subsequently been abandoned violate state or federal law and whether new laws need to be crafted to address this issue;

2. The role of local governing bodies in dealing with siting and routing pipelines, including zoning authority of counties and authority to protect ground water by natural resources districts; and

3. Any other issues necessary or proper to a complete examination of this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 321. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: To examine statutes and procedures related to the State of Nebraska's financial responsibility for oil pipelines.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

1. Whether there has been adequate financial protection for the State of Nebraska and its taxpayers in the event of a major pipeline leak;
2. Whether there has been adequate financial protection for the State of Nebraska and its taxpayers in the event of pipeline abandonment;
3. An examination of other states' laws on financial protection for the liability of pipeline leaks or abandonment; and
4. Any other issue necessary or proper to complete examination of this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine options for stabilization and growth in funding for the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA).

One of the original goals of LB 1059 (1990), which created TEEOSA, was to provide a broad revenue base for the funding of public schools, with a specific target to provide 45 percent of the total costs of operating the public schools from state revenue sources, yet now the state now provides only about 33 percent of the total costs.

Recessionary periods and resulting drops in state revenue have caused this decline in the state share of funding schools and that has led to an increasing reliance on property taxes overall for funding public schools. As a result, stability in funding schools has become an issue, with dramatic peaks and valleys in state funding for schools and unpredictability in state aid receipts for individual districts.

The purpose of the study is to examine concepts for smoothing the growth of state aid to schools through TEEOSA including, but not limited to:

1. Creating a mechanism for setting cost growth based on objective indicators and historic trends of school costs and state revenue growth, as proposed in LB 604 (2013);
2. Establishing a separate state cash reserve for funding TEEOSA;
3. Creating a school funding trust fund with selected revenue sources;
4. Utilizing the revenue from new and dynamic revenue sources such as the internet sales tax and sales taxes on high-end services; and

5. Establishing a trust fund to fill the shortfalls in revenue during period of recession.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee, Revenue Committee, and Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The study shall be coordinated with the efforts of the Tax Modernization Commission proposed pursuant to LB 613 (2013).

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 323. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: To study statutes and policies related to increasing renewable energy development in Nebraska.

By the end of 2012, Iowa had developed 5,137 megawatts in wind electricity generation capacity, compared to Nebraska's 459 megawatts. Iowa's wind development has provided millions of dollars in economic benefit to its residents, as well as providing tax revenue for the state and political subdivisions. Iowa's wind development was stated as a major factor in Facebook's decision to invest \$1.5 billion in a data center in Iowa and Google's decision to expand its data center in Council Bluffs. Mid-American Energy recently announced that it plans to add another 1,050 megawatts of wind energy to its portfolio in Iowa.

Iowa's electricity rates, which have historically been higher than Nebraska's, are now lower than Nebraska's rates. Mid-American's announcement that they would expand their wind energy development included a statement that they expected it would save their ratepayers \$10 million per year beginning in 2015.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following issues:

- (1) Methods used by Iowa to encourage renewable energy development;
- (2) Ways that renewable energy development can help maintain low electric rates;
- (3) Economic benefits and opportunities for renewable energy development;
- (4) New technologies that may be used to enhance the effectiveness of renewable energy projects;
- (5) Whether there are opportunities for Nebraska to show leadership in public policy related to renewable energy, such as policies to promote solar energy development; and
- (6) Any other issues the study committee deems necessary or appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 324. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and evaluate the statutory requirements on Nebraska's public power districts.

The study should include:

(1) An examination of the current requirements on building new generation and reinvesting in current generation resources;

(2) Additional considerations that could be required before investing in new generation, including, but not limited to, health and environmental impacts, economic development impacts, water usage, risk analysis, and the advantage of obtaining fuels from sources inside the State of Nebraska;

(3) Methods for ratepayer engagement in the process, including, but not limited to, standing before the Nebraska Power Review Board;

(4) The role of the Nebraska Power Review Board in approving and overseeing generation; and

(5) Any other issues that the committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 325. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the effectiveness of the school budget limitation and certification of school budget authority included in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA). The study will address the following questions:

1. Are the budget limitations necessary to control school spending and cost growth which drive TEEOSA equalization funding?

2. Are the budget limitations effective in equalizing school spending in school districts of different sizes and geographic location?

3. What is the interplay between the budget limitations and property tax levy limitations? Are both necessary?

4. How have the budget lids impacted educational opportunities and delivery of educational services?

5. Are the exemptions from the limitations adequate?

6. Should the current school budget limitations be repealed or modified?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The study shall be coordinated with the efforts of the Tax Modernization Commission proposed pursuant to LB 613 (2013).

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 326. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and evaluate net metering in Nebraska and evaluate proposed changes to Nebraska's net metering laws. The study should focus on the economic impact of net metering on private renewable energy production and the impact on the producer, the public power districts, and other energy consumers.

The study should include:

(1) The economic impact on expanding net metering to include systems up to a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts;

(2) The economic impact on expanding the systemwide cap currently at one percent of capacity;

(3) Expected growth in net metering and the effects of expansion;

(4) Effects of federal subsidies and policies on net metering;

(5) Issues and concerns with placing systems larger than twenty-five kilowatts and possible solutions, including, but not limited to, variable caps on systems;

(6) The process that utilities use to determine how net metering systems can be integrated; and

(7) Any other issues that the committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 327. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study and evaluate emergency response planning and preparation for severe weather events and the adequacy, availability, and issues surrounding storm shelters or safe rooms for residents of mobile home parks. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) Requirements in other states on providing shelter from severe weather for mobile home parks;

(2) Sources of funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local programs for the construction of shelters or safe rooms for residents of mobile home parks;

(3) Potential legal and liability issues for persons providing shelter; and

(4) Any other issues that the committee deems relevant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 328. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study methods to better protect elderly and other vulnerable Nebraskans from financial exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 329. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study possible ways the state could use tax policy to encourage more small business start-ups and entrepreneurialism, especially for businesses utilizing technology and innovation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 330. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study ways Nebraska can ensure a future workforce well-skilled in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 331. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study the advisability of stronger penalties for offenders convicted of the crime of sexual assault of a child as well as related deterrents and victim remedies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 332. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study ways the state may appropriately reduce property taxes in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 333. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study ways the state may appropriately reduce income tax rates in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 334. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study ways to identify and eliminate waste and fraud in government spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 335. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study whether more fair and appropriate methods of agricultural land valuation can be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 336. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To investigate methods to reduce gang violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 337. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To investigate methods to attract investment capital into Nebraska to create more Nebraska jobs and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 338. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To study issues relating to the regulation of abortion clinics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To investigate methods to increase the export of Nebraska agricultural commodities and other Nebraska products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340. Introduced by Davis, 43; Avery, 28; Bloomfield, 17; Brasch, 16; Cook, 13; Harms, 48; Johnson, 23; Karpisek, 32; Kolowski, 31; Krist, 10; McGill, 26; Nordquist, 7; Pirsch, 4; Scheer, 19; Schilz, 47; Seiler, 33; Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to identify the value of property taxes eliminated by all tax-increment financing (TIF) and other Nebraska business tax incentive programs and determine how the resulting loss of property tax revenue impacts the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) funding formula.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council and Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341. Introduced by Davis, 43; Avery, 28; Brasch, 16; Cook, 13; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Johnson, 23; Karpisek, 32; Kolowski, 31; Krist, 10; McGill, 26; Nordquist, 7; Pirsch, 4; Scheer, 19; Schilz, 47; Seiler, 33; Smith, 14; Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36.

PURPOSE: To study the powers and duties of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) The adequacy and timeliness of NEMA responses to local and regional emergency disasters as experienced during floods in 2011, wildfires in 2012, and recent hazardous material incidents;

(2) Assessment of the Adjutant General's \$10,000 spending authority limit established in section 81-829.42;

(3) Policies and procedures used by NEMA to educate and train staff at local agencies concerning protocols to be used during emergencies;

(4) Improvement of communications among and between participants during emergency mutual aid events;

(5) The creation of Nebraska-based incident management teams to respond throughout the state and to serve as comprehensive resources to augment and help with natural and man-made emergencies;

(6) The potential benefits of Nebraska joining the states of Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming in the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact.

(7) The benefits of identifying and funding a state agency, department, or division with jurisdiction over wildfire management and suppression.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342. Introduced by Davis, 43; Avery, 28; Bloomfield, 17; Brasch, 16; Cook, 13; Harms, 48; Johnson, 23; Kolowski, 31; Krist, 10; Nordquist, 7; Pirsch, 4; Scheer, 19; Schilz, 47; Seiler, 33; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate whether any types of agricultural land are being overvalued relative to their income potential. This study shall examine how to address inconsistencies in the current valuation of agricultural land such as a use value system, if the agricultural industry pays a higher effective total tax rate than other business sectors in Nebraska, and if there needs to be an additional revenue source for local governments such as a sales tax option for schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council and Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 343. Introduced by Dubas, 34; Brasch, 16; Hadley, 37; McCoy, 39; Price, 3; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: To study the existing policy to supplement federal universal service support mechanisms and ensure that all Nebraskans, without regard to their location, have comparable accessibility to telecommunications services at affordable prices, recognizing the importance of broadband access for the state's economy to remain competitive, and to review changes to universal service at the federal level and changes in technology.

This study shall investigate the universal service and intercarrier compensation systems to maintain telecommunications services and extend broadband-capable infrastructure. Input shall be solicited from the Public Service Commission, regulated entities, broadband and telecommunications carriers, service users, and the public. Study topics may include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- (1) Modernization of the existing framework for contribution to and use of the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund (NTUSF);
- (2) The progress or results of the NTUSF broadband pilot program, dedicated wireless program, and broadband mapping grant project;
- (3) Ability of Nebraska citizens, schools, businesses, and health care services to access Internet services;
- (4) Effects on Nebraska of recent reforms to the federal Universal Service Fund and intercarrier compensation by the Federal Communications Commission;
- (5) Other possible funding mechanisms for statewide broadband access ensuring comparable rates for all users; and
- (6) Other states' approaches to fund affordable broadband access.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 344. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Davis, 43; Karpisek, 32; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The state has an interest in the retirement security of Nebraska workers, including the ability of all workers to secure their independence and self-sufficiency upon retirement. Research indicates that since the 1980s there has been a steadily declining savings rate among workers. In addition, only about one-half of workers have access to a retirement savings plan at work. Workers unable to build up sufficient pensions and savings are more likely to become dependent on state services in their old age.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the availability and adequacy of retirement savings of Nebraska private sector workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether the Legislature should amend the portion of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, which was enacted with the passage of LB 962 in 2004, designating or determining the appropriation status of certain river basins, subbasins, or reaches as fully appropriated or overappropriated to allow for the same potential reevaluation process of the appropriation status of all river basins in Nebraska according to the same scientific standards, procedures, and administrative appeal processes to challenge any appropriation status designated by the Department of Natural Resources.

This study shall include, but not be limited to: Examining whether to amend the act to allow for reevaluation of all river basins, including current fully appropriated or overappropriated river basins, subbasins, or reaches for the protection of Nebraska's water resources, the securing of a stable water source for all users into the future, and the consistent application of Nebraska's water policy throughout this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Nordquist, 7, Chairperson; Davis, 43; Karpisek, 32; Kolowski, 31; Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study and analysis of guidance principles for pension divestment policy decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Campbell, 25, Chairperson; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9; Krist, 10; Watermeier, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine how Nebraska is utilizing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. The study should focus on, but not be limited to, gathering information on utilization, transfer, and availability of TANF block grant funds. The study should also include a breakdown of funding utilization by use including, but not limited to, basic assistance, administration, work-related activities, child care, tax credits, pregnancy prevention, and other non-assistance as well as specific uses within those categories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 389. Introduced by Revenue Committee: Hadley, 37, Chairperson; Janssen, 15; Pirsch, 4; Schumacher, 22; Sullivan, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study local use of taxing powers, including occupation tax and other forms of taxation, and to examine the fiscal relationship between state and local governments. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of options for changing these taxing powers and fiscal relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
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